# THE TIMES

# White House aide forbidden to give evidence by Mr Nixon

Jeneral Haig the White House chief of staff, acting on Mr Nixon's orders, refused flatly to give vidence to officials of the Senate Watergate ommittee yesterday.

He said nothing in reply to over 100 questions conerning the \$100,000 Howard Hughes contribuion to campaign funds. His silence adds a new and dangerous element to Mr Nixon's battle to old the line on Watergate disclosures.

#### Impeachment inquiry to be shown on TV

anscripts today extended to wand perilous fronts. A blank fusal to testify was made by meral Alexander Haig, the hite House chief of staff, in first and unexpected appear-ce before a closed session of e Senate Watergare committee

General Haig handed the com-tice an order from President non prohibiting him from swering any questions pertain-to his White House service. cording to committee sources. then remained silent in the
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t may not immediately bede public but it is expected ther to embarrass the Presit, who spoke of the gap as a systery." Last Monday Micon said he was sure of only thing, that neither Miss Mary Woods, his secretary, his other staff, had done thing "intentionally".

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Jon-compliance with the gressional subpoena was formelly noted late last ht by the House judiciary wher to impeach the Presi n. It split almost along party is in voting 20—18 to send Nixon a letter. It read in part t the committee "finds as of am April 30 you have failed comply with the committee's prena of April 11 1974"

rimin yesterday recognized new government in Portugal timing and manner of the

guition were clearly calcud to give maximum support

possible working coalition ween General Spinola, the d of the military junta, and Mario Soares, the leader of Portuguese Socialist Party.

r Soares ended a brief visit ondon yesterday with talks i Mr Callaghan, the Foreign etary, and the Prime Minis

Mr Callaghan first called Dr Soares at his hotel for

e 30 minutes. They then to the Foreign Office for a

om Fred Emery transcripts before going further, ashington, May 2 The vote would have looked President Nixon's struggle to worst for Mr Nixon had two of old the line of Watergate distribe. Democrat hor heads not osures at his censored tape voted against—on the ground anscripts today extended to that the letter was not tough

One Republican, Representa-tive William Cohen of Maine, joined the Democrats after hear-ing Mr John Doar, the committee counsel, say the tapes were "innaccurate".

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Mr Doar hastened to insist that he was not suggesting any tampering by the White House. But his explanation was, all the same, embarrassing to the President. He said simply that the committee had better equipment than the White House, and thus had filled in many of those so called "unintelligibles" left in Mr Nixon's transcript.

In Mr Nixon's transcript.

The committee had earlier received 19 tapes which had been wrested from the President by Mr Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor, including the crucial March 21 conversations.

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Mr James St Clair, the President's counsel, had been forced to concede that the White House had not used any method to enhance "reproduction of the tapes—except with the March 21 talk. Short of going to a computer, he suggested, it could not be done.

At all events, the House committee's presentation of evidence.

mittee's presentation of evidence is scheduled to begin next week, regardless, with Mr Nixon's non-compliance with the subpoens as a new factor. They will be shown live on television.

Washington, May 2 Mr. Raldeman, has demanded the right to inspect and test original recordings of evry conversation he had with the President.
He made his request in the form of a discovery motion filed in the Federal District Court. where he and six other former Whire House and Nixon cam-paign advisers are accused of attempting to cover up the Watergate scandal—AP.

Mr Agnew disbarred for tax admission

Amapolis, May 2 Mr Spiro T. Agnes, the former Vice-President of the United States, was disbarred roday by It Nixon's men profess jubilathe Maryland Court of Appeals at this split, but it may because of his "no contest" we short lived comfort. Many plea to tax evasion charges last publicans wanted to read the October—UPI.

Downing Street and stayed

there during his meeting with Mr Wilson

Dr Soares, it was emphasized vesterday, visited London with the full knowledge and approval

of the Portuguese authorities and during his meetings with the British ministers it is understood that he urged them to

recognize the new government.
The British response, evidently carefully premeditated, was to meet this request at once by asking a member of the Portuguese

Embassy to call at the Foreign Office. An acknowledgment of



Joe Mercer, the jockey, gives the Queen a first hand description of how he rode her filly, Highelere, to victory in the 1,000 Guineas, at Newmarket. Report, page 13.

#### **Students** likely to get £600 grant

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

The maximum grant for most students is likely to be raised by about a quarter to more than £600 a year. The decision is expected to be announced by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, on May 14

Undergraduates in all universities except London, Oxford and Cambridge, and students studying for further degrees at polytechnics and other colleges of higher education, at present

Detween the Treasury and the Department of Education and Science, but I understand it could be between £610 and £620. The extra £35 a year is likely to be abolished for Orford and Cambridge students but and Cambridge students but and cambridge students but and cambridge. dents, but retained for all students in London.

Parents earning more than £1.500 a year have at present to

raised to about £2,000.

# make a contribution towards their children's higher educa-tion. That figure is likely to be

Support from university vice-chancellors, who earlier this year called for the grant to be raised to £630, has played a

large part in the Government's decision. Britain recognizes Spinola junta

further discussion. Later Mr of last Friday, announcing to the Callaguan took Dr Soares to 10 British Government the change of government in Lisbon, was there during his meeting with Mr Wilson.

Dr Soares, it was emphasized Before taking this decision the British Government consulted their partners in the European Community and the Commonwealth.

If the Portuguese can estab-lish a reasonably democratic government, there is every prospect that Britain and the other EEC countries will wish to negotiate favourable terms for Portugal's association with the Community and ultimately full membership of it.

# Mr Short stands firm as Commons leader

By David Wood Political Editor

Mr Edward Short, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, stands firm. He dismisses any suggestion that he ought to resign as Leader of the House, and makes clear that if, in accordance with Commons convention, he is elected to be chairman of the Committee of Privileges inquiring into "MPs for hire" he will agree to serve.

Mr Wilson vigorously defen-ded Mr Short when the Parlia-mentary Labour Party met at the House of Commons last night. He said that Mr Short had not offered him his resignation and he thought it inconceivable that

are encided to a maximum he should do so.

The final amount of the had done so I would not have accepted. I do not regard him between the Treasury and the large and large of Education and large his full read as leader of playing his full part, as leader of the House, first in sponsoring the party's proposals on a compulsory registration of members interests, and also in playing his first part, as Leader of the House, in the Committee of Privileges.

" Ted Short . . . has the respect of all of us. He is entitled to get support from this party com-mensurate with that respect." Mr Short's dominant reaction

to the publicity he has received after stating that he accepted £250 from Mr T. Dan Smith, now serving a sentence in jail, is anger directed against the BBC and the newspapers. He has left his ministerial colleagues and political friends in no doubt that he regards himself as a wronged and misjudged man.

Although there had been warning that Mr Short would be directly challenged in the Commons when he answered business questions yesterday, the House of Commons started no witchhunt. Indeed, the overt references to Mr. Short's dilemma were no more than desultory, even when he announced that the Government's proposals for a register of MPs. financial interests would be laid before the Opposition parties for discussion

By all accounts, no question of Mr Short's embarrassment was raised at yesterday's long meeting of the Cabinet, which started in the morning and conmmunity and ultimately full tinued at 10 Downing Street in the evening. The heavy agenda concerned mainly legislation,

although Mr Samuel Silkin, Attorney General, was called in. From the Conservative 8.112, during business questions, Mr John Peyton, the former Minister of Transport, who has a wasp-ish turn of phrase, ominously asked what part Mr Short in-tended to play in the forthcom-ing meeting of the privileges

committee.

Mr Short answered curtly:

"I propose to play the normal part played by Leaders of the House in that committee."

Mr Heath did no more than define that part. "Is it not true", he asked, "the chairmanship of all committees, including privileges, rests in the hands of the committee itself?"

Mr Short replied: "I did not say otherwise. All I said was that I shall be a member of that committee and play the normal part of the Leader of the House."

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that, some Labour backbenchers growled their approva sug subb. after a prima facie In pract

case of vilege has been referred the Committee of Privileges, the senior member, at present Mr George Strauss, the former Labour minister, who sits for Lambeth, Vauxhall, summons a meeting, which is expected on Tuesday week, to consider the allegations of Mr Ashton, Labour MP for Basset-law, that six Labour MPs are available for hire.

The committee elects its chairman, and conventionally the Leader of the House, who has a historic responsibility to protect the interests of the Commons as a whole, is chosen.

Mr Short has made clear to Mr Wilson and his colleagues that if he is not elected to the that if he is not elected to the chair, he will accept the situation and sit as an ordinary member. If he is elected chairman, he will serve. That decision springs from his conviction that he has committed no crime, no impropriety, and no illegality of any kind. He considers himself to have been unfortunate, and is un-

doubtedly profoundly resentful at the treatment meted out to him in the past few days by iournalists who have known him at Westminster for 20 years.

The intensity of his anger against the BBC, who first broadcast Mr T. Dan Smith's statement about payment to Mr Short is unmistakable.

The Privileges Committee has 17 members, all former minisor senior backbenchers. Continued on page 2, col 2

# **Doubts in Commons** as commission on press is announced

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

A Royal Commission on the Press was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr Wilson to inquire into "the maintenance of the independ-ence, diversity and editorial standards of newspapers and periodicals and the public's freedom of choice of newspapers and periodicals, nationally, regionally and locally.".
The chairman will be Mr Justice

While the Prime Minister throughout lengthy questioning remained convinced that a royal remained convinced that a royal commission was required, and while most MPs were agreed that the newspaper industry had serious difficulties which needed investigation and correction, there were many who doubted whether Mr Wilson had chosen the proper procedure for setting matters right.

From the Opposition Front Bench, Mr Heath said that by the time the royal commission, with its long agenda, had com-pleted taking evidence and had made recommendations, the problems of the press would not only have become acute but it was possible that some sections would have disappeared. It was urgent that steps should be taken to enable the press to deal with its own problems, whether or not a royal commission was

Mr Heath said he wondered what was the real purpose of the commission at present. There had already been deep investigations into the problems of the newspaper industry, which had analysed the situation clearly. All those concerned with the press, Mr Heath added, knew very well what the problems were. What was required was action, mainly within the indus-

From the Labour benches Mr Moonman pointed out that at least one national and a London evening newspaper were in serious financial difficulties. He suggested that the Prime Minis-ter should go further than invite

an interim report from the commission, and insist on a statement from it before Sep-

tember 1. From the Liberal benches Mr Grimond asked the Prime Min ster to think again. The royal commission would presumably go on for years, and its remit was extraordinarily wide. The tragedy was that the facts were there but action was not being taken. He urged Mr Wilson to give an assurance that at the end of the day something would

Another Labour MP, Mr Maurice Edelmann, asked Mr Wilson to make it clear that the commission, while protecting the legitimate privacy of individuals, would do nothing to limit by re-strict the investigative duties and rights of the press generally. To all of this Mr Wilson agreed

was more than seven years ago, but the tragedy was that there was no agreement within the industry about its problems.

At the time of the last report into the industry he had spoken in strong terms about the need to improve labour practices and to set other matters right. Mr Wilson con-tinued. He did not think that the work of the royal commis-sion, which was urgent, need inhibit action that should be taken within the industry, or any action by the Covernment that might be appropriate,

On the question of not re-stricting the rights and duties of the press to investigate. Mr Wilson said it was for the comof reference which he had set our. The House could be assured that this would be done with the greatest responsibility. Issues facing commission, page 2

Parliamentary report, page 14 Leading article, page 19

#### Rivalry in London led to deaths of agents

From Sue Masterman The Hague, May 2

Rivalry between the different branches of the British Secret Sarvice operating in London in the first half of the Second World War led to the arrest of aimos: all the Duich agents they sint out to the Verber-lands and to the deaths of many members of Dutch resistance groups, according to the Dutch historian Dr Lou de long, head of the Institute of War-time Documentation in Amsterdam. He is the author of The Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Second World War, an official history which is being pub-lished in 12 volumes.

lished in 12 volumes.

In the second half of volume five, published today, a chapter deals at length with the "capital blunders" of both M16 and the Special Operations Executive, Dutch section, in the period between March, 1941, and July, 1942. To all of this Mr Wilson agreed that it was an urgent matter and that the commission was free to report urgently. He accepted that there were dangers of further restrictions of the newspaper reading public's chiice by possible closures. The last inquiry commissioned from The Economist Intelligence Unit.

agents sent out by the SOE, 16 were arrested, seven immedi-arely after they were para-chuted into the Netherlands, two were killed and one man-aged to return.

The absolute lack of security training for the agents meant that they unwittingly led the German occupying forces directly to the Dutch resistance movements with whom they were in contact

The incompetence of the SOE operation also gave the Germans the chance to Ser up what mans the chance to set the what is known as the Englandspiel. Various radio operators were arrested complete with all their codes. They were persuaded often in exchange for promises that the lives of friends, relations of fellows. tions or fellow agents would be spared, to transmit messages back to SOE and to act as though they were continuing their activities.

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#### US firm makes breakthrough with Celtic Sea gas find Marathon confirmed last night

Significant natural gas reserves have been found off the southern coast of Ireland. The solutions with the large potential in the Celtic siderable potential in the Celtic tricity Board and the fertilizer American company, Marathon, Sea and has recently stepped up announced last night that a field its efforts to promote rapid in the area now known as the exploration there.

Siderable potential in the Cellic tricity Board and Company, Nitrogen Eirean Teoranta, on the possibility of using gas from the Old Head of Celtic Sea had reserves of a million million cu ft. The announcement ended

speculation which has continued over many months that the field, lying 28 miles south-east of the Old Head of Kinsale, co Cork, has large workable reserves. The importance of the field lies not so much in its magnitude, which is relatively small, by comparison with North Sea finds, but in its location. This is the first breakthrough for any company in the Celtic Sea.

Marathon dominates the Irish sector of the Celtic Sea, which is bounded by Ireland, Wales and Cornwall, but 17 compan-

ies or consorria bave con-cessions in the British sector.

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Kinsale field. Among the organizations It said discussions had centred known to be working in the on a price for the gas and on technical aspects of offshore British sector are Shell, Texaco and British Petroleum, the production. The board and NET latter concentrating on an area are estimated together to require about 1.25 million cu ft of 90 miles south-west of St David's natural gas a day, which would give the field a life of 20 years. Head, in St George's Channel. Shell is drilling 63 miles south-It was being pointed our last night that the Government of east of the Marathon field. There are few clues to what the Irish Republic has no plans for the development of natural lies in the Celtic Sea, the geology of which is quite distinct uas for household use.

Marathon said last night that from that of areas so far explored in the North Sea. Marahad not yet completed design thon's success indicates the kind work or capital estimates for development of the field and that no decisions had been of sedimentary basin which can hold either oil or gas. In 1969 raken on the pipeline landing point or land facilities. Gulf and the National Coal Board drilled two dry holes.

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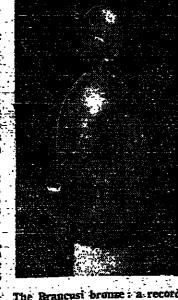
### **Aodern bronze sculpture** etches auction record

Geraldine Norman Room Correspondent

Brancusi bronze became the t erpensive sculpture sold at ion when it reached to 1000 (about £312,500) at lnesday night. The price roughly double that ex. ed and almost double the rious record for a sculpture was \$385,000 for a delicious as dancer complete with

> re sculpture is entitled "La resse Blonde II ", a smooth mic double egg shape in ly polished bronze. It dates 1 1926 and is among Bras-'s most famous creations. tere are three other casts, in the Museum of Modern New York one in the one in a private collection. purchaser was the London-d dealer, Marlburough Fine

of paintings, drawings and our from the collection of hid H. Maremont, a Chicago strialist. They brought him including a dozen world record prices for



The Brancusi bronze : a record price at auction.

A calm abstract composition Blue Trevose", by Ben Nicholson, dated 1957, became the most expensive painting by a living British artist to be sold at auction. It fetched \$105,000 (about £43,750).

#### No action against Special Branch men in IRA case was blackmailed by detectives

No action is to be taken against the Special Branch detectives who recruited Kenneth Lennon to become an informent on the IRA, Mr Secretary. Jenkins, Home Secretary. Innounced in the House of Commons yesterday.

There were no grounds for further investigations, he said, but in view of the exceptional circumstances" he believed that the report prepared by Mr James Starritt the deputy com-missioner of the Metropolitan Police, should be made available to MPs.

The report would not be available for several weeks. nowever, as Mr Jenkins said it ontains material which might affect appeals pending before the courts by former associates of Mr Lennon, whose body was found in a dirch at Chipstead. Surrey, two weeks ago. He had been shot twice in the head, a traditional IRA method of essessination. Turee days before children found his body, Mr Lennon. aged 30, made a 17-page statement to the National Council for Civil Liberties in which he said he was recruited to become a 200 a month spy for the Special Branch He rigined he

Special Branch. He claimed he

to seek information about the IRA, and feared that the Special Branch might kill him and "make it look like an Irish job". After publication of the state-ment, Mr Jenkins ordered Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to start an investigation into the conduct of his officers involved with

Within 10 days the report was on Mr Jenkins's table, clearing the detectives of any suggestion of irregular or improper be-Mr Martin Loney, general sec-retary of the NCCL, said last night: "The decision of the

Home Secretary is totally unsatisfactory. It seems that the police carried out a wholly superficial inquiry, accepting assurances that everything was well with the Special Branch's How on earth they can claim

to have made a thorough investigation when not one of Mr. Starritt's officers came near my office or saw any member of the NCCL I just cannot understand. The officers investigating the murder of Mr Lennon have been here four times in the hope of picking up a clue; they are working very hard on the case."

#### Bonds bought on hope of cut in interest rates Hopes of lower interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic

prompted heavy buying of Government bonds on the London Stock Exchange yester-day. Rises of up to £1.12 were recorded in longer-dated bonds. This represented the strongest advance for several weeks, reflecting a growing belief that American interest rates are close to their peak and that a fresh fall in British rates is

increasingly likely.

The Treasury announced yesterday that Britain's official reserves rose by £211m last month to £2,869m. This is the second consecutive sharp rise. Business News, page 21

Ban on repricing displayed goods The repricing of goods on display in shops will be banned from next Monday, the Depart-ment of Prices and Consumer Protection said last night.
The ban will not apply to

goods that sell slowly or if shopkeepers can persuade the

Price Commission that in a par-ticular case the ban would harm

consumers' interests.

# Irish law report calls for terrorists' trial in the place of arrest

If the Unionist members of the Northern Ireland Executive still cherished the hope that the system of extradition might be rejuvenated in Ireland to bring wanted IRA men to justice, their illusions were finally quashed yesterday when Mr Brian Faulkner and his fellow ministers were at last given copies of the Anglo-Irish Law Commission's report.

Although it has not been publicly released and although neither the British nor the Irish governments are obliged to accept it, the document recom-mends a system of extramends a system of extra-territorial courts to try wanted men. In other words, alleged terorists would be tried in the towns in which they were arrested, no matter where or in which country the crime was

It was disclosed yesterday that the commission, which is composed of both British and Irish lawyers, was originally divided over the best method of dealing with fugitive offenders.
Sir Robert Lowry, the
Northern Ireland Lord Chief
Justice, and his colleagues vanted an extradition procedure which would remove the pre-sent restriction on cases in the Trish courts which are judged to " political ", while the Dublin lawyers apparently argued for a "common court" system which would have had implications for the sovereign status of Ulster.

In the event, both sides decided that there was no legal objection to extra-territorial jurisdiction, and opted for that as a form of compromise. There is therefore no minority report. In fact, the Irish Government has already started drafting legislation which will give effect

Hard pressed by the loyalists,
Mr Faulkner and his Unionist
colleagues had hoped that the
commission would recommend
extradition, although reports of its findings to the contrary have been circulating in Belfast for several weeks.
Many Protestants do not

Many Protestants do not believe that Irish courts will deal impartially with IRA men, in spite of the appearance of Provisionals before the courts in the Republic almost weekly, and they suggest that it will be almost impossible for soldiers and obligance from the North and policemen from the North

to travel in safety to the Republic to give evidence. The pro-Assembly Unionists who are faithful to Mr Faulkner, and who are anyway holding a private conference on security this weekend, are particularly anxious that any new system of courts should deal out similar sentences wherever they are

The commission's report may suggest a uniform system of sentencing and it certainly deals at length with improvements which could be made in the cooperation between the police forces and armies on both sides of the border.

#### Heated exchanges delay human rights hearing

Stavanger

Strict security was imposed for the opening of the hearing in camera, before the European Commission of Human Rights. Because of a fear of reprisals against witnesses by the Provisional IRA, it is being staged at a remote Norwegian military airstrip instead of the commission's headquarters in Stras-

Threat to burn

paintings stolen

from Beit home

Friday, threatened in a tele-

to recovery of the stolen pictures

Press. Its news editor, Mr Michael O'Kane, was told that if

the reward offer was not with-drawn and an announcement to

that effect made in the news-paper today, the newspaper would receive the ashes of three

Police were taking the call

seriously last night, but pointed out that they had no responsi-bility for the £100,000 reward offered on Monday by a London

firm of loss adjusters.
After consulting Sir Alfred,

Mr Anthony J. Hart, represent-ing the loss adjusters, Cunning-

pared to withdraw the offer.

Five years' jail

for men who

had US rifles

From Our Correspondent

Two men from co Tyrone

were sentenced at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yes-

terday to penal servitude for five years each when they were

convicted of possessing an American M1 Garrand rifle and

sentences to be concurrent.

In the same court a mother from Strabane asked that her son, aged 16, be "Put out of circulation for a while" after he

ad been convicted of member-

ship of the IRA. He was sen-

renced to 12 months' detention in a juvenile institution.

Improvement grants

The call was made to The Irish

From Denis Taylor

was not withdrawn.

Many of the procedural arguments centred on the way the 30 British witnesses, all unidentified members of the security forces, will be referred to during the nine-day hearing.
One possibility thought to have been discussed was the placing of some key army witnesses behind a screen similar to that used at the detention tribunal in Northern Ireland. Throughout the months of

preparation for the case, which is concerned meinly with alleged ill treatment in the months after internment in August, 1971, the British have repeatedly expressed fears about possible identification of

flown by the RAF from Ulster late on Wednesday. They are now confined to a number of small barrack huts on the base, where they will have to wait until they are called to give

# Defining 'a free and healthy press' a hard task for royal commission

By Diana Geddes

Mr Wilson's announcement that a royal commission on the press is to be set up will be welcomed by the groups and individuals who have been pressing for such an inquiry in the name of preserving a free and healthy press. One of the commission's most difficult tasks, however, will be to decide what exactly a free and healthy press means.

healthy press means.
It is clear from recent comments that several members of the Labour Party are not convinced that what they see as the present excessive freedom of the press is compatible with its good health. Writs for libel

its good health. Writs for libel are pending against five national newspapers.

On Monday Mr Short, deputy leader of the Labour Party, bitterly complained about what he regarded as the irresponsibility of press coverage of his relations with Mr T. Dan Smith, accusing The Stunday Times in accusing The Sunday Times in particular of having published the "most blazant untruths". He wondered whether "we have lost the important balance of, on the one hand, a free and responsible press, and on the other the legitimate rights of the individual..."

Mr Wilson criticized the press

after articles appeared in April connecting his private secretary, Mrs Marcia Williams with the Ince-in-Makerfield slagheap affair. Mrs Williams had been

subjected to "an intolerable National Society of Operative degree of newspaper harass Printers, Graphical and Mediament", he said, and Personnel touched on the same ment", he said, and
". although she has been
the principal victim of this
behaviour, this is a cowardly
way of attacking me and,
through me, the Government".

He described it all as a pretty seamy, squalid, press story. Mr Wilson has issued writs for libel against two national papers, Mrs Williams has issued libel writs against four national papers, and her brother, Mr Anthony Field, has recently issued another four parties in conversion with the writs in connexion with the Milhench affair.

What Mr Sydney Bidwell, Labour MP for Ealing, Southail, saw as the "scurrilous" press treatment of the affair confirmed him in his belief that the press was "anti-Labour". Mr Ioan Evans, Labour MP for Aberdare has also stoken in Aberdare, has also spoken in the Commons about the "biased nature" of the press In March Mr Evans spoke of

In March Mr Evans spoke of "grave public disquiet in the general election when we found that The Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph, the Sun, the Mail and the Express all lined up with the Tory party.... It is important that the British press reflects the true opinions and aspirations of the British people." up with the Tory party...It is important that the British press reflects the true opinions and aspirations of the British people."

In a letter to The Times in February, Mr Richard Briginshaw, general secretary of the important that the British people. The Times in February, Mr Richard Briginshaw, general secretary of the important that the British press in Respectably in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, in poor associately in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, in poor approach to the British press especially in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, is specially in Pleet Street, in poor health. Newsprint, which accounts for between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of a national paper's total costs, has jumped from £76 a tonne in

Personnel, touched on the same point, and called for a public inquiry into "the ownership, running and freedom of the press", which he hoped would report on "any bias, class con-trol and onesidedness in the

"With the control of the media being 99 per cent with the protectors of the Establishment, the views of opposition forces—both majorities—and minorities—both majorities—and per them. minorities—receive less than adequate opportunity for ex-pression", Mr Briginshaw said.

Mr Heath, leader of the Opposition, feels that the inquiry should not be into the ownership of the press, but into the economics. He said recently in the Commons: "It is the economics of the press which is reducing the amout of owner-ship. When will the industry and those who work in it recogfast rate they are putting their own industry out of business? Until that is recognized we shall not be able to maintain the freedom of the press in this counter."

Revenue from advertising, which is particularly sensitive to periods of industrial shimp, has been falling, affecting the quality papers particularly badly. The popular papers have in their turn been affected by declining circulations.

At the same time wages have been rising. The average journalist's pay on a national news-paper has more than doubled in the past 10 years, rising from £2,126 in 1964 to £4,750 now. According to a recent survey of industrial workers' wages in the Financial Times, newspaper printing operatives were earning 60 per cent above the national average industrial wage and indeed, were the highest paid of all major industrial

The issues of overmanning and restrictive practices, the subject of investigation by the two previous royal commissions two previous royal commissions on the press which have reported in the past 25 years, remain unsolved. In 1966 The Economist Intelligence Unit estimated that there could be manpower savings of up to 50 per cent in the machine room, 30 per cent in process and 10 per cent in publishing. The Economist in an article last month, said that on the whole those said that on the whole those economies had not been made.

erbrook Newspapers to close the Glasgow Evening Citizen and to transfer the publication of the Scottish Daily Express and Sunday Express to Manchester. Since 1962, when the

biweeklies. The efforts of the Press Council to police its members' activities have recently been severely criticized, particularly in relation to its report in March on the Lambton affair. Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon, North, has said: "This is a perhetic and cynical report. It reveals the gross inadequacy of the Press Council machinery as a watchdog in the interests of both press and public."

Lord Byers, the Liberal peer, who was a member of the Younger Committee on privacy, said that in the light of the sand that in the light of the report Parliament would have to think carefully about a law of privacy. "I would like to see the sort of activities undertaken by the News of the World become a criminal offence."

The News of the World took photographs of Lord Lambton being entertained by a prosti-

Mr Harold Evans, editor The Sunday Times, urged in Granada lecture lass March of greater freedom should given to what was now a halfree press. Few people appreciated how insidiously limits tions had grown up round it he said. He quoted the law lords ported, two national newspapers have closed, as have at least 15 provincial dailies, three provincial Sunday newspapers and more than 200 weeknes or historial line.

law be changed so that a ge eral defence that publican was in the public interest permissed. That would preve the suppression of reporting o matters of the greatest pol importance. The law of on tempt, he urged, should else operate only from the moment of charge and not, as no where a charge is merely im-

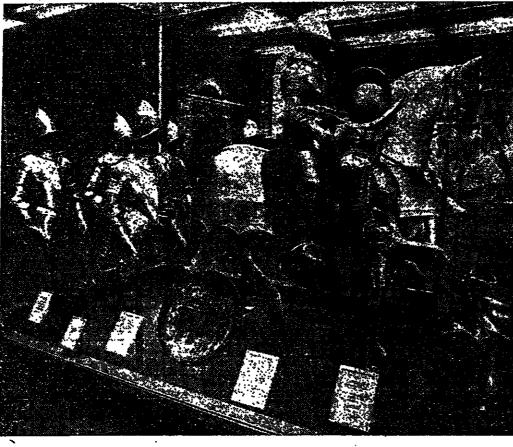
nent. Mr Justice Morris Finer, Qu aged 56, who is to preside on the commission, is a form leader writer on the Zvoni

Mr Justice Finer, who ceived his law degree from the London School of Economical Political Science in 1939, now governor and vice-the man of the school. He work part-time for the Evening Su dard in his early days at it Bar. His son, Alex, who has a been called to the Bar, works a full-time journalist for It Sunday Times...

From Christopher Walker

Detailed cross-examination of the first witnesses called by Britain to counter allegations of torture in Northern Ireland was delayed yesterday after a series of heated exchanges between leading lawyers representing the Irish and British Governments.

More than a hundred armed police and troops with walkie-talkie sets patrolled the airfield and extra security has been imposed on all civil flights landing there.



Armonr in Renaissance Europe displayed at the Sixteenth Century Gallery at the Tower of London, which was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday.

would be referred to in an interview with Mr Smith and for not

making a transcript available immediately. A letter from Mr

Charles Curran, the director general, to Mr Short, dated

to say that I was somewhat con-cerned to hear that you had not

you.

I am sorry that this courtesy was not observed. I wish it had been. As I say, this letter is quite without reference to the substance of the

#### Mr Short should return to back benches for a time, 'New Statesman' says

The New Statesman suggests today that Mr Edward Short is A man claiming to be a member of the gang that stole 19 paintings from Sir Alfred Beit's home in co Wicklow last in an awkward position and might feel more at home on the back benches, for the time being phone call to a newspaper yesterday that three pictures would be burnt if the offer of a reward for information leading

This week's issue also says that the Labour Party must be seen to be relentless in dealing with any corruption or any attempt to cover it up.

The latest issue of Tribune, who published today, calls for a full-scale political inquiry by the Labour movement into corruption in the North-east.

In its front page article, entitled "Mr Short's Awkward Silence", the New Statesman says that no one can pretend that Mr Short's statement, issued early on Tuesday morning, ended all discussion of his role in relation to the Poulson affair. "We have every reason to believe that he is an honest man". the article says.

Speaking of the behaviour of certain elements in the Labour Party in the North-east, the New Statesman says: "It is a measure of the Labour leadership's ham, Hart and Company, said that the insurers were not pre-

failure in this whole area that. annuncement of a royal commission this week, its sole positive action should have been to aconiesce in Mr Milne's expulsion

from the party."
Mr Edward Milne, Independent Labour MP for Blyth, had been trying desperately to ven-tilate the issue and the magazine says that at the very least ful restitution must be made to

In a front-page article in Tribune, Mr Richard Clements, the editor, says it is no good the Labour Party thinking that nothing more needs to be done now that a royal commission has been set up.

He suggests that the commis-sion will not inquire into why corruption flourished in the North-east. "We genuinely want to understand why a party with such a deeply held belief in democracy and social progress could voluntarily fall so far from

Mr Clements says that Mr Milne's demand that the party's executive should hold an inquiry reference must be taken very seriously ". marter.

#### Prime Minister speaks out for his deputy By Michael Hatfield Short for discourtesy in not informing him in advance that he

Mr Wilson last night strongly defended Mr Short at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour or the Parliamentary Labour Party and actacked the press for its "unabating campaign" against the Lord President of the Council. With Mr Short sitting beside him, Mr Wilson was frequently applauded as he made his statement to Labour backbenchers, Mr Wilson said: "This week we have seen the second stage

general, to Mr Short, dated April 29, said:
As you might expect, I have been looking into one or two points arising out of the interview with T. Dan Smith which we broadcast on Friday evening. Without going into the substance of the marter, and writing before I have any knowledge of what may appear in your statement today. I should like in say that I was somewhat conwe have seen the second stage in the Tory party's and Tory press's personalized campaign aimed at damaging the Labour Government by innuendo. This week Ted Short has been on the receiving end.
"The statement he made was

cerned to hear that you had not received an immediate transcript. Had I known beforehand that the programme contained a reference to you I should have wished to consider the possibility of forewarming you, not necessarily of the substance but certainly of the fact of such a reference, and I should have wished an immediate transcript to be made available to you. a complete answer to the allegations laid against him. So much so that the Tories in the House are now reduced to com-plaining that Ted used a Civil Service press officer to hand copies of the statement to mem-hers of the lobby; instead of distributing the copies himself. "Ted explained the circum-

stances of his connexion with a man who 11 years ago was highly regarded, not only in this party. but in other parties and through-out the North-east frequently consulted by Lord Hailsham in his cloth cap days as minister for the North-east.
"Yet this campaign has been

mounted on an expenses payment 11 years ago from a man then accepted as an honest local government leader. Neither the Tories nor the press which serves them would ever vent or have ever vented their bile on a Conservative Conservative minister.

Mr Wilson said he wanted to

repudiate some of the rumours being spread about Mr Short. First, he has not offered me his resignation. I think it is inconceivable that he should do so. If he had done so, I would not have accounted. not have accepted.

Second, I do not regard him as in any way inhibited from playing his full part, as Leader

playing his full part, as Leader of the House, first in sponsoring the party's proposals on a compulsory registration of members' interests, and also in playing his full part, as Leader of the House, in the Committee of Privileges.

"This current campaign against him will die because it larks subcrance. But I want the

lacks substance. But I warn the party again. Ted Short is not the real target: whoever is next those near target. The real target is this party and this Govern-

Area forecasts:

London, SE, SW and central S England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Cloudy,

rain at times; wind E, moderate mas temp 11°C (52°F).

Army or university? Most of the signatories to the recent army advertisement explain in The Tithes Higher Education Supplement today

why they agree that three years as an army officer can equal three years at university. There is a profile of Sir Roy Marshall, the universities' new secretary-

#### Inquest told two wrong decisions led By Staff Reporters

to tragedy Two decisions that should never have been made caused an explosion which killed six men, Dr Herbert Pilling, Shef-field coroner, said yesterday. The tragedy occurred in Shef-field last October at the Effingham Street gas works while a huge underground tank was

being converted.

Flame-cutting equipment was used on the tank, but it was not realized that it had not been completely drained of a highly inflammable liquid called petroleum flash distillate.

The inquest was told that gas board officials were satisfied that all the petroleum had been drained. The tank was then filled with water ready for its

filled with water ready for its

It was decided, however, to drain the water before the work started and flame-cutting equipment was permitted because Mr Tom Ashron, mechanical main-tenance official, was satisfied it would be safe.

But Mr Alan Savage, semor maintenance engineer, said that while he considered the tank was rafe, he was surprised that flame cutting equipment had been used. He was under the impression it would not be, and thought Mr Ashton was too. He there had been a failure of com-

Dr Pilling said : " It seems cer-

tain that this explosion occurred as a result of these two decisions: to empty the tank of water, and allow a means of water, and anow a means or ignition within reach of the tank. Clearly we now know with hindsight that it would have been better if these two decisions had not been taken." The jury returned verdicts of accidental death on Mr Cyril wealthy than their Tory opposite numbers are more open to such such a such as the such as

Corruption suspect is now dead, Shawcross says Lord Shawcross said last

night that the person against might that the person against whom evidence of corruption had been submitted to him in his capacity as a barrister in 1952 was "long since dead". He was amplifying his letter to The Times, published yesterday, in which he said that the person concerned had been highly placed in public life and

In a statement to The Times last night, Lord Shawcross, a former Labour Attorney General, said that the other case to which his letter had referred, concerning somebody that the letter described as being in a " far more exalted position then the comparatively small fry concerned in recent cases was one of "anxiety only".

His statement went on: "If there had been a legal power to interrogate at the time, the true facts might have been elicited and might have shown unnocence or naivete. It would be quite unfair to explore them now, since they have no present public relevance except to show public relevance except to show that offences may be committed and be impossible to uncover whether by royal commission or police lacking interrogatory

In an earlier statement issued yesterday Lord Shawcross said: I have been asked by newspapers and broadcasting companies to express opinions on various aspects oblems of corruption. I have no wish to enlarge on the comments I have already made beyond saying this.

I do not believe that such corrup-tion as exists is more prevalent in public life than in the private sec-tor atthough any corruption may be more dangerous there. Nor in the public sector is there the slightest reason to suppose that there are any party political impli-cations.

It may be that some Labour poli-

ir may be that some Labour poli-ticians because they are less wealthy than their Tory opposite

that they yield to them. May honour to them. The attempts, it may political capital out of the man are wholly deplorable. The cases, one of anxiety and o more clear, to which I refers have no present relevance beguing the difficulty of establish individual offences without a magreater use of interrogatory power than are possessed at present. It was the polar of my letter. Finally, I would say that in experience, whether in the public of the private sector, cases conscious corruption as distinct on mainting are few and between and certainly far few than in many other country. Their prevalence depends up society's general ethic of integrand morality. If this is decerior ing, as the criminal statistics i happily suggest, we shall get in activities the standards we deser our greatest safeguard is a finness which seeke to maintain in many and the prosess which seeke to maintain in particular the property of the proper

Our greatest safeguard is a press which seeks to maintain a standards in all walks of life and a standards. vigilant to expose serious de tures from them. Under the common law, t is absolute privilege of comunication between a client his legal adviser, whether sol tor or barrister, provided the client had consulted lawyer professionally, and for example, during a frier

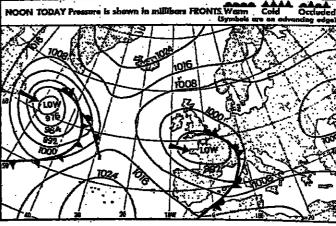
barrister or solicitor is ne entitled to reveal what his cl has told him, unless the chas specifically waived privilege. No court of law can com lawyer to reveal such inform tion: there are no exception The fact that, as in the case Lord Shawcross, the lawyer also a Privy Councillor does affect the issue. The oath tal

by a Privy Councillor can override the legal privilege, a can any other oath of allegian A senior barrister explain During a consultation with lawyer, a man can admit to ling committed a thousand a ders, and be safe in the knowledge that his secret will not revealed. If this were not the administration of just would be impossible."

Tory stands down Mr Geoffrey Stewart-Sis who defeated Mr George Broat Belper in the 1970 gand election, will not seek resultion as the Conservative cardate for the constituency, whis now held for Labour by Roderick MacFarquhar.

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# Weather forecast and recordings



B. NW. central N and NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, scattered showers, bright intervals; wind mainly E, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F). Sun rises: Sun sets: 5.30 am 8.26 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 5.30 am 3.49 am 5.27 pm
Full Moon: May 6.
Lighting up: 8.56 pm to 4.58 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.26
pm, 6.8m (22.2ft); Avonmouth,
5.38 am, 12.2m (40.0ft); 6.9 pm,
12.5m (40.9ft). Dover, 9.39 am,
6.1m (19.9ft); 9.58 pm, 6.5m
(20.6ft). Huil, 4.35 am, 6.5m
(21.4ft); 4.46 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft).
Liverpool, 9.49 am, 8.1m (26.7ft):
10.17 pm, 8.2m (27.0ft).
A depression over NW France
will move SE, but a trough of low
pressure will extend over England.
Area forecasts:

Edinburgh and E Scorland, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Caltiness, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, perhaps bright intervals; wind variable, light; max temp 5°C (48°F). (48°F).
Argyll, NW Scotland: Mainly
dry, sunny periods; wind E,
moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rather cold, showers, sunny intervals. In E and SE parts of England it will be cold with occasional rain. Satellite sightings (London) to-morrow. Figures show, in order : tune visible, where rising, maxi-mum elevation and direction of

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; f, fair ; r.

setting. Cosmos rocket: (1) 20.31, SSW, 50° SSE, NE; (2) 22.3, WNW, 10° NW, NNW. 4 rocket: 20.30-20.53, NNW SW, SSW. Yesterday London: Temp: max 7 27 pm, 12°C. (54°F); min 7. 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Humid, 44 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars=29.53ln. At the resorts 24 hours to 5 pm, May 2 | Sept. Rain | Sep

#### To qualify for 75 per cent preferential house improvement

grants, referred to on Wednesday, work under applications approved after September 30, 1973, must be completed before June 22, the Department of the Environment states. Work completed after June 22 will quality for only 50 per cent grant. There is no time limit for completion work under applications approved before September 30,

#### Labour deputy leader intends to play full part in privileges committee Continued from page 1 duties so long as he commands pulsory de duties so long as he commands pulsory declaration of interests the confidence of the majority dates back to 1967. A commons

Nine come from the Government side, with seven Conservatives, and one Liberal. When the committee for the present session was announced on March 12, by some oversight Mr Heath, as Opposition leader, was not

American M1 Garrand rifle and a quantity of ammunition at Cloughfin Cross, Castlefin, co Doneyal, on April 5 last.
Anthony Gerard Joseph McDaid, aged 18, of Lisnafin Park. Strabane. and Francis Herron. aged 18, of Dublin Road. Strabane, were also sentenced to 18 months' imprisonincluded.

Last night it was made clear that both Mr Heath and Sir Peter Rawlinson, the former Conser-vative Attorney General, will be elected to the committee, and two other Conservative nominees will be removed.

tenced to 18 months' imprison-ment for membership of the IRA and two years' imprison-ment for having the guns with-out firearms certificates, all the There need be little doubt that Mr Heath is among those members of the Commons who believe that, remembering the nature of the issue before the privileges committee, Mr Short should not be chairman. But Labour commands a majority, and a combination of long-standing respect for Mr Short and party loyalty may come into play. Certainly there have been one or two instances when Leaders of the House in recent times have declined to accept

the chairmanship. For the present, at any rate, Mr Heath and the Opposition ront bench are not prepared to end themselves to a campaign for Mr Short's resignation of the leadership of the House.
That is realistic, in the sense that the only effectual pressure would have to come from the Labour side.

A Conservative demonstration would do no more than rally sympathy and support for a minister under attack. A Leader of the House can discharge his

the confidence of the majority of members in the House, and nobody is yet putting that issue to the test.

In earshot of the public, no politician at Westminster, high or low, yesterday pursued the profoundly disturbing yet unspecific revelations made by Lord Shawcross in his letter to The Times yesterday. Lord Shawcross wrote that "the evil-doers continue to flourish", and described two cases that came within his own experience.

It is authoritatively stated that ministers know of no government inquiry into the substance of the Shawcross letter, and it is said that ministers have no clue about the identities of the people who were involved. Mr Heath believes Lord Shaw-

cross's allegations should be pursued, although he would not agree that they should become part of the royal commission inquiry into the conflict of public and private interest and thereby be shelved for years. Lord Snawcross's letter bas

certainly increased the unease of politicians. Ironically, as revelations and rumour feed one upon the other, Mr Short yesterday had to report to the Commons on progress in the long drawn out consideration of a procedure for declaring MPs' interests. Mr James Prior, as leader of

the house in the conservative

government, started inter-party talks about a register, but Labour

backbench pressure for com-

committee, under the chairman-ship of Mr Strauss, stopped its recommendations well short of a compulsory register, and the 1922 committee of Conservative private members virtually threw out Mr Prior's plan-Mr Short, after further consideration by the Government, intends to send to the Opposition

parties next week proposals for a register of interests. Party managers have already seen the draft proposals, which lean towards a voluntary register, but Mr Short intends that there shall soon be a Commons debate and Behind the scenes, Mr Heath and the Shadow Cabinet have

noted the Government's hesi tancy to bring forward their own cut-and-dried proposals, and they take it for granted that that means the Labour Party is split between the claims for a compulsory or voluntary register. Clearly Mr Short has not found it easy to devise a satisfactory formula for defining financial

interests or for drawing the line between personal and family interests. What, for instance, is the distinction between a directorship and a large sharehold-holding? How are professional men with trustee responsibilities to be covered? Last night it seemed certain that when the Government motion appears on the Commons

order paper there will be a

plethora of amendments, some

seeking to broaden its scope and

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# Courts should be obliged to grant bail and defendant's failure to appear be made jail offence, report says

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

It should be a criminal offence for a defendant on bail to fail to turn up for his trial, a Home Office working party proposes as one of many changes in the bail system, aimed at reducing the number of defendants who are remanded in custody un-necessarily while awaiting trial.

The working party, set up in 1971, proposes the creation of a statutory presumption that all defendants are entitled to bail, unless there are good reasons why they should be kept in cus-tody, and calls for a new procedure to make more infor-mation about defendants available to the courts deciding on

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said yesterday in the Commons that he would announce what action he would take on the working party's proposals when he had assessed reaction to them. he had assessed reaction to them, and asked for interested parties to comment by the end of July. He accepted the working party's view that the broad objectives of the bail system should be to help to reduce the number of persons held in cus-

Queen of

Denmark

discovery

By Philip Howard

sees a burial

Queen Margrethe, on the last full day of her state visit to

Britain yesterday, was back among the bones and medieval

manuscripts, where she feels at home as an archaeologist manq-

uee.
She visited the ancient monu-

ments laboratory of the Depart-

ment of the Environment, in Savile Row, and saw an as yet unpublished discovery. This is a

unpublished discovery. Imis is a fourth-century skeleton from a Romano-British burial at Poundbury, in Dorset, with the bones worn away by leprosy. It was excavated three weeks ago by Mrs Rachel Reader, of the department. It proves that somebody was wandering around Dorset in the fourth century with severe leprosy.

century with severe leprosy,

and that therefore the disease arrived in Britain with the Romans, as had previously been

The Queen also saw the other

turrent archaeological work of the department, including a saxon skull cleft by a sword, a bronze foundry that made horse trappings and the finds from the early Iron Age hill fort and hamlet at Gussage All Saints in

Prince Henrik was flown to

Coventry yesterday to visit the British Leyland Motor Corpora-

tion factory at Longbridge. There Lord Stokes took him on

a tour of the engine and gear-

box machinery and assembly

Meanwhile, Queen Margrethe went to the Society of Anti-

quaries of London at Burling-ton House, where she was ad-

mitted as a Royal Fellow and

received in one of London's

great libraries. The antiquaries had laid on an amateur corps of

trumpeters and kettle-drum-

mers led by Mr Eric Halfpenny,

a musical antiquary. They made

a thunderous noise that rattled

the ceiling. Mr Crosland, Secre-

tary of State for the Environ-

ment, then gave the Queen

In the afternoon the Queen

visted the Pricr Weston primary school, in Islington, and

later made an informal tour of

In the evening Queen Mar-

grethe and Prince Henrik gave

a banquet at Claridge's for the Queen and the Royal Family

and political and diplomatic eminences. Queen Margrethe

wore the Royal Victorian Chain

that she has been given on this

risit, a decoration rarely seen

morning, but Queen Margrethe

and the Prince of Denmark are

visit ends this

on a woman.

lunch in Burlington House

the Barbican development.

tody before trial to the minimum consider whether there are any companible with the interests of good reasons why he should tody before trial to the minimum compatible with the interests of justice, and he believed that in general the proposals would assist considerably the attainment of that objective.

The working party feels strongly that the present system of putting the onus on the defendant to ask for bail should be changed. "One of the foundations of our criminal justice system is the presump-tion of innocence. We regard it as important that a similar presumption should be created in relation to bail in favour of the defendant", it says. It suggests that the presump-

it suggests that the presump-tion should be given statutory force. The law would say, in general terms, that bail should be granted unless the court was satisfied there were sufficient grounds for refusing it.

"We see the presumption in favour of bail not so much as a means of defining in detail in what circumstances people should and should not be bailed, should and should not be balled, but rather as an indication to courts of the attitude they should adopt, that they should not look to the defendant to show cause why he should be granted bail, but should rather

The three categories of reasons for refusing bail would, however, remain the same: the of the defendant failing to attend court when required, the likelihood of his committing further offences, and the likelihood of his inter-fering with the course of justice.

fering with the course of justice.

If the court refused bail, it should be obliged by law to give its reasons, the working party recommends. This seemed a logical consequence of the presumption in favour of bail. It accepts that there may be some extra work for the courts in giving its reasons, but says "this is a price which should be paid."

The working party which The working party which looked into the procedure of the magistrates' courts only, says the present system of allowing a defendant bail in his own recognizance was largely inefrecognizance was largely iner-fective in ensuring his presence at the trial, because he would have little to lose by not coming. It suggests that the new offence of absconding while on bail should carry penalties of up

to three months' imprisonment

at the magistrates' court and up

Angie Berry, aged 25, fell asleep while James Butler worked on this statue of her. It will be shown at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, which opens tomorrow.

six months since the death of

the regular visiting GP. The warden was driven to faking

emergencies to get men into

Hospitals were reluctant to admit single homeless people who were not referred by GPs. It was difficult to find accom-

modation for them on discharge.

inquiry yesterday, the campaign said: "We accept that many of

the problems are inherent in the

patients themselves but there

are many steps which can and must be taken by the new area

health authorities and the dep-

The report recommends that

the department should direct

regional and area health authori-

ties to investigate the needs in

their areas with a view to pro-

viding necessary medical ser-vices. It asks for education of

doctors on the difficulties of

single homeless people and the

payment of a retainer to them if the temporary resident fee is

insufficient incentive for them

Launching its report on the

Medical care need for

homeless single people

By Our Social Services

The Department of Health and Social Security is consider-

ing ways of ensuring that home-less single people receive appro-

priate medical care, after an inquiry found that few doctors

were willing to treat them. The result of the doctors' attitude,

the Campaign for the Homeless

and Rootless said yesterday, was that hospital services were

misused and their casualty de-

surgeries of the single home-

less.
The inquiry was undertaken talks

by the campaign after talks with department officials who

agreed that more appropriate medical facilities were needed.

It found that while single home

less people were more likely to suffer from ill health than

partments had become

Correspondent

to 12 months at the Crown Court, as well as fines. Courts should have the power to order a sentence for absconding to be consecutive to any imprisonment imposed for the original offence.

The reasoning behind this proposal is that if the deterrent against jumping bail was substantial, defendants would be more likely to come before the court. Courts could therefore decide to grant bail in cases in which under the present system they would be reluctant to do so.

The extern of sureries should

The system of sureties should The system of sureties should be retained in some cases, the working party says, but sureties should not be required as a matter of course. But it says that the practice of ordering that sureties should have to be acceptable to the police? was undesirable and should be

stopped.
The report emphasizes the importance of the court which is making the decision on bail hav-ing the fullest possible informa-tion on the defendant. In particular, a court could not make an adequately informed assessment of the risk involved in granting bail if it dod not know about a defendant's community ties", his family background,

employment Court now did not have suffi

cient information of that kind available to them, the working party says. It proposes that in cases where there was a danger of a defendant being remained in custody, a standard form should give the defendant's com-

munity ties.

More bail hostels should be provided for defendants, parti-cularly women and girls, who could normally be let out on bail but have no fixed address

bail but have no fixed address to go to it says.

After conviction, more people shuold be released on bail so that medical and psychiatric reports can be obtained.

The National Council for Civil Liberties, which has campaigned for changes in the bail system, welcomed some of the recommendations, but said that "fundamental changes 'itally necessary to ensure that bail is granted to the many thousands of people either acquitted or given non-custodial sentences each year "had been rejected. Bail Procedures in magistrates courts. Report of the Home Office, 73p).

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Leading article, page 19

#### £50,700 paid for tray in nephrite by Faberge

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The name of Faberge wrought its familiar magic at Christie's Geneva auction on Wednesday.

A rectangular nephrite tray with richly ornamental handles at each end sold for £50,700. The red gold handles are in

The red gold handles are in Renaissance style, with scrolls and strapwork embellishel with red, green, black and white enamels and set with rose diamonds. It was made by the workmaster, Michael Perchon, and presented by the Dutch colony in St Petersburg to Queen Wilhlmina on the occasion of her wedding in 1901.

A diamond-set gold and enamel box, however, had a more racy provenance. It was comracy provenance. It was com-missioned by Grand Duke Alexis

for presentation to Elisabeth Balletta, the actress. Alexis was Grand Admiral of the Imperial Russian Fleet and "as notorious for his neglect of the navy as for his attentions to beautiful women", according to Grand Duke Alexander Mihailovitch, his nephew.

The box, which sold for £26,750, contains a pencil, ivory memento pad, mirror, miniature

propelling pencil, lipstick tuberand two lidded compartments.

A collection of 23 miniature Fabergé Easter eggs, suspended like blossoms from a silver-gilt decorated with the imperial arms, set with diamonds and cabochon rubies, also made £26,760. It once belonged to the Grand Duke Paul. The sale totalled £407,924.

Sotheby's in London yesterday held a sale of fine French paperweights totalling £58,383. Sotheby's Belgravia sold English and foreign silver totalling 545,203 and Christie's furniture and carpets totalling E29,401. Bonham's established a new auction record with a pair of paintings by Edward Robert Smythe at £3,000 (Fry) in a pic-ture sale totalling £48,620.

#### **Scientists** discuss life beyond Earth

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

The notion that cartifoomid tact with intelligent life elsewhere because Homo sapiens is not clever enough was discussed by eminent scientists and science

by eminent scientists and science fiction writers at a meeting of the Royal Society yesterday. Those who would dismiss the very idea of extra-terrestrial, life as all fiction and no science may look askance at such a pillar of respectability as the Royal Society risking the notion to gain any credibility.

But it was suggested that clues to life elsewhere could be clues to life elsewhere could be lying unrecognized because our technology is too primitive to discover them. It was an idea explored by Professor Carl Sagan, from the laboratory of planetary studies, Cornell University, an adviser to the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the Mariner programme of interplanetary spacecraft.

of interplanetary spacecraft.

In fact, he turned the problem round and suggested how an intelligence on Mars might go about seeking signs of alien beings on the planet Earth. From that distance it was quite reason able to dispatch craft to orbit able to dispatch craft to orbit our planet and transmit pictures. These would be similar to those taken by the Earth resources satellites used to look at geographic and geological formations, among other things.

He argued that it was not until those craft could pick out objects of 100 metres in size and less that photographs would

less that photographs would have the detail needed to make it possible to deduce that forma-

tions were unnatural.
Photography of the Earth showed no clear sign of life until the 100 metres resolution was achieved, at which point the urban and agricultural rework-ing of the land to form man-made rectangular arrays became

The nearest intelligent life could be light years away. But with a technology little more advanced than ours they would be able to identify the signs of man's activity. Earth would be undetectable by optical telegrape. But an analysis of the scope. But an analysis of the range of radio waves emitted into space would show an unnatural peak of energy accounted for by radio, television and radar tech-

According to Professor Sagan, a civilization on a planet of a star near by could have com-puters that by so-called autocor-relation techniques would soon pick out this anomaly as artifi-

cial signals. He suggested that with enormous radio telescopes, such as the 1,000ft bowl at Arecibo, it would be possible to form a link between the two intelligences. But he advised mere humans at their present inferior level of advancement to stick to listening for messages from other parts of the universe.

Sending messages successfully was a different proposition. With notable restraint Professor Sagan nade no reference to his forth coming book, The Cosmic Connection, which pursues a fasci nating line of speculation

#### New royal guard

Inspector Harold Parkinson, aged 39, is to take over responsibility for the security of the Royal Family at Sandring-ham. He is to be promoted to the rank of superintendent on

# Missing graduate got threatening calls

From a Staff Reporter Oxford

An international drug smnggling gang is believed to be involved in the mysterious disappearance two weeks ago of Mr Howard Marks, an Oxford graduate who vanished shortly before he was due to appear at a Central Criminal Court trial. Speculation that the IRA or

the British secret intelligence service were involved has been firmly discounted by police and lose Oxford acquaintances of Mr Marks. Before his disappearance on

April 19 from a flat in Leckford Road, Oxford, Mr. Marks had received a number of threaten-

Mrs Kate Collingwood, a riend who owns the terrace friend . house in Oxford where Mr Marks lives, saw him a few minutes before he disappeared. minutes before he disappeared.

"A man came to the door and asked, rather aggressively, if Howard was in. When Howard came down he looked upset; he asked me to mind the baby and said he had to go out. He said it was a serious matter."

Last week a letter purporting to come from Mr Marks was sent to his solicitor saying that he was now staying outside Britain.

whereabouts was given.

Mr Marks, aged 28, who graduated in 1967, has for the pay three years owned a bosique in Oxford. He was arrested in Amsterdam last November in connexion with the discovery a large quantity of marijus hidden inside electric amplifiers, supplied for America rock concerts.

He was charged with h other people, four men-and a He told friends that he work plead not guilty at the mai The other accused did not de fend the charges when the appeared, and are awaiting se-

Trevor Fishlock writes: Mr Marks left his home in the Welsh village of Kenfig Rik, a of Port Talbot, 10 years agn.
An outstanding pupil at Gard
Grammar School, he graduated
from Balliol College, Oxford, in

His parents, Captain Demi Marks and his wife, Edna, stil live in Kenfig Hill. Their so joined them at Easter for a qui

#### Suicide rate in Britain falling, psychiatrist says

By Our Social Services

The suicidal rate in Britain is falling, against the trend throughout the rest of the Western industrialized world, Dr Richard Fox, psychiatric consultant to the Samaritans, said in London yesterday.

Dr Fox was speaking at a press conference called to counter statistics presented to the recent Royal Society of Health pointing to a rising suicide rate among young people and older women. He said the statistics were he said the statistics were accurate as far as they went, comparing the mid-1950s with the mid-1960s, but the rate had actually been falling since 1963, when it rose to a peak of 5.714 recorded suicides.

In 1972, the last year for which figures were available, the rate ally had fallen from that peak of 12.2 whith per 100,000 to 7.8 per 100,000, they or 3,772 suicides. Since 1963 the

number had been falling

about 200 a year.

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"One of the factors in suicide is imitation", Dr Fox said. "If people get the idea that suicide is fashionable it may be the last straw that pushes them over."

The statistics given to the Royal Society of Health had some substance in that the falling rate was less marked among young people and older womes. But the rate was dropping-for every age group, although in the every age group, although in the rest of Europe and America it was static or even rising slightly.

Attempted suicides or "parsuicides" were rising in Britain, however by about 10 per cent syear. The only factor peculiar to Britain in preventing suicides. Or Fox said, was that the Samaritans existed as a nationally identifiable organization which befriended people when they were at their most despar-

#### Non-trade unionists' rights 'excluded in safety Bill'

Commons standing committee on the Health and Safety at Work Bill about a provision for trade unions to appoint safety representatives from among employees whom they would represent in consultations with employers.

The Bill, he said, had been changed. There had been written into it a special privilege for trade unionists to the exclusion of the interests and legit-imate rights of other employ-

"The Labour Party con-

Mr John Page, Conservative
MP for Harrow, West, said
yesterday that the Labour Party
had gone back to the days
when, retalling the words of
Anenin Revan, non-trade unionists. It is disgraceful. It is
a commitment to the TUC as
timionists were "less than part of the social contract. The He was protesting in the as the health and safety at work (trade unions privileges) Bill."

The committee spent the morning discussing whether the duty of employers to ensure the health, safety and welfare employees and others might rendered less difficult by the inclusion of the words " reason ably-practicable " in various parts of the Bill.

After ministerial tions of how the words would be interpreted, several Labour backbench amendments w delete them were not pressed.

#### Cheese subsidy will save the average family 4p weekly, Government says ip a person a week would be

Government plans to subsi-dize about 315,000 tons of cheese to save an average family of two adults and two children about 4p a week met prolonged criticism from Con-servative MPs in the Standing Committee on the Prices Bill vesterday.

The Opposition protested that some foreign cheeses would be subsidized, while some English cheeses would not. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer

Protection, announced that although the subsidy machinery although the subsidy machinery was still being worked out with the trade, the Governmers had decided that the range of cheeses to be covered should be those of the cheddar type and imports of similar types. The hard pressed categories covered would include British territorial cheeses although not luxury types. luxury types.

She proposed an amendment to include cheese with butter, milk and bread as eligible for subsidy under the Bill, which authorizes expenditure of up to

subsidy would be included in the £550m allocation for food subsidies this year. Spending on bread, milk and butter subsidies already amounted £320m.

Community had been informed of Britain's intention to stabilize cheese prices, which would otherwise membership of the

Mrs Williams said cheddar cheese was bought overwhelm-ingly by lower income groups and cheese had been selected for subsidy because of its value as a source of protein. It was also relatively easy to subsidize,

as there were a limited number of manufacturers. Mr Paul Channon (Southend West, C), said latest figures showed cheese consumption showed cheese consumption was 3.7 oz a head a week and average spending on obeese a person a week was about 8p.
Anyone who thinks that this subsidy is going to make a

tremendous difference to the

cost of living is living in a fool's paradise", he said. About

Mrs Williams, he said, was proposing to subsidize hardpressed cheeses, but not English Stilton. Gonda and Edam, French and Dutch type cheeses, were to be subsidized.
Mr Robert MacLennan,
Under-Secretary in Mrs Williams's department, "firmly discounted" stories that cheese European Economic increased

counted" stories that cheese supply was so bad that ration-ing might have to be intro-He said that probably 60 to 70 per cent of the eligible varieties of cheese would be produced at home. The Govern-

ment had in mind a subsidy for about 230,000 tons of cheddar type cheese; 60,000 tons of cheeses of the British territorial type and about 25,000 tons of Gouda and Edam. Government food subsidies so far contributed about 50p a week to the typical family of two adults and two children, and the cheese subsidy would

add 4p.

The committee adjourned before reaching a decision on the amendment.

#### Judge excuses general election errors =

Mr Justice O'Connor in the High Court yesterday excused errors in general election purphlets last February of five Conservative MPs and one m successful Conservative candi

All the errors were technical involving the omission of name and addresses of printers and publishers from fund-raising letters, window stickers as election pamphlers, Mr Edward Adeane, counsel for all six on didates and their agents of No one was misled. Edded.

The Judge granted the macontested applications by Macher, MP for Esher. Mr Geoffrey Patrie (Chertse and Walton); Sir Michae Havers (Merton and Wimble don); Mr W. R. Van Strauben zee (Wokingham), and St George Sinclair (Dorking) and their agents. He also grants the application by Mr Data Richard Owen Lewis, unsulcestial Conservative candidate for Swansea, West, and in

#### Eggs and baked beans to cost more Prices of eggs and baked beans, which Mrs Williams, Secto 15p each. The crisp Cos variety

Food prices retary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, wants grocers to hold down, are going up again. The Price Commission has allowed Heinz to charge more for its baked beaus for the second time in two months, and Goldeniay Eggs are also to raise

The increases in shops will be 1p or 2p for a tin of baked beans, and 1p a dozen for standard eggs 20 and 5p.

The trade accepts those forecasts, but the list of reductions disand 2p for large. Heinz is the country's largest canner of baked beans and Goldenlay the largest marketing organization for eggs. Green vegatables are also to cost more. The price of cauliflowers has moved up to about 14p or 15p for a good specimen. Bananas have

a pound.
Pineapples are cheaper but there also risen again, but many other regetables and fruit will either fall or remain steady.

The Department of Price and rineappies are cheaper but there will be few that are worth buying for less than 25p each. The price of new carrots has increased by about 2p a pound, and chicory has risen to 38p or more. Round lettuces have dropped a penny or two to 10p Consumer Protection said yester-day that it expected imported apples to be 1p a pound cheaper

to 15p each. The crisp Cos variety costs at least 12p.

Cucumbers and lemons are up, but only large grapefruits, from 41p each, are available in most shops. Early asparagus has dropped to 60p or 70p a pound and the first European strawberries of the year are appearing at up to fil a pound.

Most meat prices

Most meat prices are steady, apart from some special offers on chops and roasting joints of New Zealand lamb and ribs of beef. The yeal that appeared in many shops a few weeks ago has all but disapneared.

Peared.

Prices of some fish should fall Prices of some fish should fall slightly, but the more expensive flat fish, like turbot and large plaice, will be more expensive. Haddock fillers will be between 50p and 55p; small mackerel have dropped to a minimum of 17p, with large ones costing from 24p to 28p a pound.

Skate should drop a penny or two but rock saimon and whiting will be steady at about 44p and 20p a pound respectively. Some shops have Canadian salmon for about £1.10 a pound.

#### Former head of Vehicle and General in court

Mr Afred Theodore Hims aged 53, former managing direc-tor of the now liquidate Vehicle and General Insurance Company, attended for publication at London Bank He said he had been ill and had not known about the balls ruptcy until he read of it is the press. Mr Aubrey payer port, assistant official recensaid: "I find the debte presence rether surprising have been trying to trace he for some time." for some time Asked his address he said I do not have a full addre in this country".

The public tramination V

adjourned until July 18 after Mr Hunt undertook to see al examiner in private and give details relating to



#### **Blood-stained bowler hat** 'helped to track bandit'

was a vital clue which helped detectives to track down a ban-dit involved in a \$25,000 bank shoot-out with a policeman, a jury was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The bowler hat with stains of blood from a rare blood group had been found after an earlier bank robbery, Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution,

The alleged raider was John Dallison, aged 31, a decorator, who appeared with Sammy McCarthy, aged 41, former British featherweight boxing champion, and his wife, Sylvia. Mr Dallison, of John Barnes Walk, Stratford, London, pleaded not guilty to robbing the Chase Manhattan Bank of £20,000 in July, 1972, and robbing the National Westminster Bank in Kensington of £25,000 in December 1977

His brother, Terence Dallison, aged 34, a lorry driver, also of John Barnes Walk, pleaded not guilty to conspiring with John Dallison to commit robbery and providing his brother with

accommodation after a robbery with intent to impede his arrest. Mr McCarthy and his wife, of Nightingale Lane. Wanstead, London, both pleaded not guilty to giving John Dallison medical aid for gunshot wounds after a robbery with intent to impede his apprehension. his apprehension.

Yard officers

on plot charge

Two Scotland Yard detectives

appeared at Marylebone Magis

trates' Court, London, yester-day, charged with conspiracy to

defeat justice. Det Sergeam John Robert Josiah, aged 31, of Highfield Road, Biggin Hill,

Kent, and Det Constable John Frederick Strong, aged 39, of Forest Glade, Epping, Essex,

were remanded, each on bail of

The officers, suspended from the Fraud Squad, are charged

with conspiring with other men to suppress and destroy material evidence in an investigation.

They are accused of arranging that other defendants should

make false statements about

their involvement in Longton

conspiring to defraud persons of

Shoplifting by mayor

companies in cornexion with

William South, aged 59, Mayor of Northallerton York-shire, of Sladeburn Drive,

Northallerton, was fined £10 by

York magistrates vesterday for

stealing sun tan lotion and bis-

They will appear with four

remanded

£100, until May 23.

China Supplies Ltd

goods for Longton Ltd.

In the first bank robbery, Mr Richardson said, one bandit was accidentally shot by a fellow raider. Later two cars were abandoned after the bandits were pursued by a motorist, who was shor at twice. Near one car was found the blood-stained bowler hat.

Five months later, during another raid at the National Westminster Bank in the High Street, Kensington, Police con-stable Peter Silmon, who was armed, heard the commotion in the bank and as the raiders were leaving he warned them that be was armed.

In an exchange of shots one raider was fatally wounded, another was injured and Police constable Slimon was burt. The trial continues today.

Peter Osgood for trial

Peter Osgood, the Southamp-ton footballer, elected to go for A draft order for the route of trial at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court when he appeared before magistrates at Waltonon-Thames, Surrey, yesterday accused of driving with excess alcohol in his blood. He is also accused of exceeding the speed limit.

Coast road opposed

174-mile expressway along the coast from east of Colwyn Bay to west of Lianfairfechan was issued yesterday by Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales. Opponents of the scheme are to meet tonight to discuss ways of

**Hugh Clayton** 

this weekend. It predicted that pears would drop by 2p a pound and English tomatoes by between

guises the fact that some items will still be expensive. There will be few acceptable home-grown few acceptable home-grown tomatoes for less than 35p a pound. The best value in apples will be New Zealand Cox's for 16p or more

# M Mitterrand will not disrupt France's basic foreign policy

From Charles Hargrove Paris, May 2

If M Mitterrand becomes President on May 19, there will be little change in the basic principles of Prench foreign policy which for that reason. has played only a very small role in the campaign.

M Michel Jobert, the Foreign Minister, would have approved the standpoint of the candidate of the left at a Press conference this morning on national inde-pendence, the "integrity" of the Treaty of Rome, relations between Europe and the United

States and on Nato.

M Micrerand said his foreign policy was based on four principles: 1. France must remain in the present security system until another adequate one is found; 2. She must act in Europe within the framework of the Rome treaties, so as to prevent any lapse into a "soft" free trade area;

3. Europe must be democratized and became a "Europe of the workers"; and 4. New relations must be forged with the rest of Europe over arma-ments, the balance of forces and

must be independent. We owe a great deal to the United States, and we know it. But its policy and we know it. But its points corresponds to interests which are not the same as our own. If Europe was not independent. France would have to reconsider. her position.

payments, "but one must res"it is not acceptable that pect one's undertakings."

Western Europe should have to ask permission or consult the United States before taking decisions."

He appreciated the attitudes of the Germans, the British, the Belgians and others. But I want to put them in a position to prefer the attraction of

Europe.
"The attraction of Europe is powerful. I hope it will become increasingly independent, without ignoring that each country will have different obligations within that independence."

Except for renegorization of the treaty of accession, everything should be done to understand British demands for a revision of the terms of entry into the EEC.

into the EEC.

"The treaty was signed only recently, and it cannot be changed at the whim of political changes in each country. But when we are at the conference table, and the principles have been clearly laid down intelligence and good will should make; it possible to reach arrangements.

Several aspects of the common agricultural policy could be modified. We cannot say that the rights of man. we will preserve it at all costs in M Mitterrand said his foreign a European Community which works in no other respect."

He added: "A united Europe
Government's decision to curtail imports from the other countries of the Community. He sympa-thized with its concern to defend the Italian balance of



He had no intention of resuming full cooperation with Nato. But there was no reason for altering the present security system. France was a member of the Atlantice Alliance. There was no question of going back on

His position on the French nuclear deterrent had not changed miclear power had been built up over 15 years. It had still to be demonstrated that it added up to an effective deterrene, but it could not be disposed of in a day.

He favoured immediate international negotiations on dis-

On the Middle East, M Mitterrand criticized the French Goverument for not imposing a total embargo on arms shipments to the area. He supported the United Nations resolution of 1967, and Israel's right to exis-

tence, but "Israel must understand that only peace can guaran-tee progress and security ". Arab countries should discard the impression that Israel was wedded to expansionist policies. "As president I will try to improve my relations with

the whole Arab world, but I cannot go back on my belief in Israel's right to existence."

Dr Sicco Mansholt, former president of the European Commission, told the press conference earlier, "speaking not as a Dutchman but as a European Commission, told the press conference earlier, "speaking not as a Dutchman but as a European Commission, and Missian and Commission, and Missian and Commission, and Missian and Commission, a pean", that M Mitterrand gave bope to Europe".

The presidential elections were not merely a national affair; they concerned the whole of Europe. "The French Government did not want the democratization of Europe at the Paris summit of 1972. M Giscard d'Estaing was

member of the Government then, and M Chaban-Deimas had been a member. He had no confidence in their promises. Mitterrand wants a democratic

M Pierre Paul-Schweitzer, who was for 11 years director after M Pompidou of the International Monetary

Europe, but with strong institu-tions. He proposes to call a European summit to take decisions on the creation of a democratic and social Europe.

"The presence of the communists in the union of the left did not frighten him. He could understand they were against the community when its aim was to defend the wealth of Western Europe.'

Fund, says in a special issue of the socialist weekly L'Unite that the economic programme of M Mitterrand is a coherent whole.

Paris. May 2.—A tended to contemporary arts being built in central Paris will be named after the late President Pompidou, M Alain Peyrefitte, Minis-Leading article, page 19 ter of Culture.

# Soames pledge to back Callaghan EEC policy

Sir Christopher Soames, a vice-president of the European Commission, sounded a warning face "a nasty economic and vival, its growth and its sucpolitical shambles" if countries Cess." failed to work together.

To harness this interdepen-

Sir Christopher pledged his

tries according to the latest monthly food price survey in the nine EEC capitals. "Never in human bistory London housewives have the best bargains in the Community have all our countries been so for milk, bread, butter, cheese and chicken. interdependent for their prosperity, so interdependent for A pint of milk, sold at 4.5p in their security, so interdepen-dent for their very survival as

London, costs 8p in Brussels, 7p in Bonn and 9p in The Hague. A pound of bread costs 7.5p in London, 18p in Brussels, Christopher said. 23p in Luxembourg, and 20p in Paris.

**Basic food** 

cheapest in

Basic foodsuffs in Britain are

priced weil below the average for European Community coun-

Britain

still

dence with loyalty and common sense to everyone's mutual benefit was what the European Chicken (per lb) costs 23p in London 45p in Luxembourg, 27p in Bonn and 40p in Paris. For a lb of cheese Londoners pay 35p, while housewives in Brussels 65p, in Luxembourg 77p, and in Paris 60p. Community set out to do, Sir Christopher said, addressing a meeting of the Institute of Export in London. That was why, over and above the purely According to the survey, Dublin was the cheapest for rump steak—at 68p a lb, which is less than half the price in Bonn or Lycemboure. trade and investment criteria, it was on fundamental political grounds that Britain applied for membership in 1961 and in 1967.

Rome is the most expensive capital for food. The total cost of the 10 foodstuffs selected was nearly 60 per cent higher than in London or Dublin.

Museum to be named

Support for the policy which Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, described in his speech on renegotiation as securing "a firm basis for continuing Political Properties." tinuing British membership in a strengthened Community". "That is an aim we can all share, towards which we all can pledge ourselves to work", he said. "It is in a strengthened

Community I am convinced that our destiny lies." Speaking of the Community adapting itself to change, Sir

Christopher said: "A long process of negotiation—I might well say a perpetual process of negotiation and renegotiation of Commission, sounded a warning its policies—is not only inev-yesterday that the world would itable, but essential for its sur-

> The Community was a living and constantly evolving organ-ism in which all its members played their part to help it to adapt continually and develop. But the policies we propose, the policies we pursue, must be framed loyally from within, to meet the interests, not of any one section of the population, nor of any one component part of this Community, but the interests of the whole Community of which the United Kingdom now forms a part", he

> The experience of the first year of membership, Sir Chris-topher said, had proved very satisfactory for British exports.
> Exports to the other eight members rose by 37 per cent, compared with a rise of only 24 per cent to the rest of the world.

"It's early days yet", Sir Christopher said, "and one year's figures don't prove the argument. But they certainly disprove what some people have tried to argue—that entry into the EEC has been responsible for the worsening in our sple for the worsening in our balance of trade. On the con-federation of British Industry recently show that our trade deficit with the Community increased less steeply than that with the rest of the world."

#### Man claims ownership of mystery Dutch SS files

during the Second World War, land as the term for prosecu-seems one step nearer solution. during the Second Worin way, seems one step nearer solution.

A Durchman who insists on remaining anonymous has relephoned the Durch news agency phoned the Durch news agency has the sidentity would be kept his identity would be kept hives, containing material up to 1961 and written in German on cards with a photograph if the

person concerned, are his. He says that it is an archive of people who are still missing after the Second World War and that details not only if SS members but also of Jews and others sent to work in Germany are included. Sympathy for the relatives of the missing people had been his morive in assem-

bling the archive.

The system he claims, was exhibited in West Germany in origin, the cards had been the 1950s and has since led to annotated in Durch, and each the gracing of saveral to annotated in Durch, and each

The Durch security service has refused to say whether similar records existed in official files. The Institute for War-Documentation has stated that organization. knows of no similar archive,

in line with the theory they find them to the Dutch authorities, built up concerning the archive, a move which West Germany which was now in their safe condemns as being beyond his keeping. It is certain, the Min-rank and competence.

The Hague, May 2 missing persons.

The myxtery of the chance. The majority of cards continud of 1,300 cards indexing the cern people who volunteered particulars of Dutch people, including a large number who cluding a large number who army. Although liable to propose the continue of the

pan van der Van writes from Bonn: The curious affair of the abandoned SS records came to light when two local young men saw them in the grass while walking across a field near the German border town of Emmierich on April 20.

They called in a police sergeant to examine the find, and a police vehicle removed over 1,000 record cards complete

missing persons. A former subject—either a man in German Durch Red Cross director has uniform or a woman in German confirmed fistence of the Red Cross uniform Entries on archive, and has said that it has the cards went up to 1961 or led to the tracing of eight or even later, and they were overnine missing Durch people.

The Durch security service "DRK" (German Red Cross).

A local Red Cross official, A local Red Cross official shown some of the cards, said they had no connexion with his

A middle-ranking police offibut there was an existing regcer at Emmerich range the
sister of former SS members Dutch Rijkspolitie (state
and those who fought in the
German Army during the war.

The Dutch Ministry of Justice today confirmed that the facing Emmerich on the border.

On his own initiative he handed.

#### **ELECTRICITY FOR INDUSTRY**

No matter what basic fuels the future may hold in store for Britain, them all efficiently for industry's needs-giving clean, flexible, manageable power.

#### Rivalry in London caused deaths of Dutch agents

The MI6 radio operators. arrested managed to indicate, either by omitting certain agreed mistakes from their messages or failing to include security checks, that they had been arrested.

MI6 immediately assregarded their information. But M16 failed to warn the SOE of the acrest of agents and SOE ignored the security checks omitted or the mistakes made by their own agents.

to send continued involving messages Dutch resistance groups straight into German hands, and announced the parachuting of successive groups of agents who, after March, 1942, were intercepted immediately by the Germans on landing Thirty-six agents and radio operators were arrested.

This "game" was a contin-ing source of information about Dutch resistance activiries to the Germans until late in 1913. The Germans built up a total of 18 "lines." with London. Dr de Jong adds in SOE's defence that, after 1944. the Dutch section contributed consideraby to the organization of sabotage and of a competent resistance movement in the Netherlands.

SOE also made a series of potentially fatal mistakes in equipping its agents. All radio operators were given a transmitter in a standard case, which was of such unusual size and shape that it attracted attention immediately. The Germans soon stopped people and searched them if they saw a case of roughly the same type.

his arrest, later described to a work

how he and the agent This Taconis, when they remarked on the badly forged identity cards, were told by one of the officers in London; "No one will blame you if you don't go."

They were dressed almos identically in what is described as a supply of standard second-band clothing which was ob-viously not Dutch.

SOE was also unaware that new zinc coinage had been issued in the Netherlands and that the Dunch were hoarding their silver coins. This made any agent who arrived loaded with silver coinage suspicious. In general, the agents had no ration books, not enough money, and were poorly equipped with contact ad-dresses. They had no training in elementary security precan-tions, and the selection of agents also left much to be

Only with the return of agent Dessing to London in September, 1943, did SOE realize that their apparently efficiently working radio network in the Netherlands was a German-con-trolled farce and that they had been feeding their agents and their information direct into

enemy hands. Dr de Jonge does not believe that there was more behind the SOE failure than bitter inter-service rivalry. He discounts the theory that there could have been some purpose in the sacrifice of Dutch agents in exchange for the release of British agents in German captivity.

Nor does he associate it with

the activities of George Behar, better known as the counter agents were given was ub-viously forged. The watermark chowed the Dutch Fons both facing the same way instead of facing one another. facing one another.

Hubertus Lauwers, the first England in 1943 by the Dutch SOE radio operator to be section of SOE. He was decorarrested and to try in vain to atted by Queen Wilhelmida warn London headquarters of after the war for his resistance his arrest, later described to a

Every industrial company should now be looking at its existing sources of energy not just in terms of present-day economics but also in terms of long-term value and future availability.

The years of relatively cheap and abundant fuel are

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#### Socialists' leader backs the junta

By Martin Huckerby
Dr Mario Soares, the Portu-London yesterday that he completely trusted the new Portu-guesc junta. During two interviews with General Antonio de Spinola, he had been impressed with his "personality, his goodwill and his impartiality".

Dr Soares, who was in London for about six hours to meet Mr Wilson, the Prime Minister, and other Government and Labour Party leaders, would not say whether he would join the proposed provisional government, which is expected to rule Portugal until free elections are

He suggested that the initiative should come from the junta, but he emphasized that the government ought to represent all democratic groups. He was not pressing for a "popular front" but a much wider assembly of Roman Catholics, liberals, democratic conservatives, socialists and communists.

"It must be a civil govern-ment constituted in two weeks at the most", he said, adding that his party would never parti-cipate in a "government of national salvation", nominated by the junta, if parties like the communists were excluded. Soares, who spoke in French, said two great dangers faced Portugal: economic disintegration which could lead to a counter-coup, and a unilateral declaration of independence by Portuguese settlers in the



Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese socialist leader, with Mr Wilson 10 Downing Street yesterday.

He spoke of the possibility of the "paralysis or even disintegration of the country's economy which is, at the moment, extremely serious. He thought this would give reactionary forces a chance to launch a counter-coup and added: "We always have in mind what happened in Chile."

He wanted a ceasefire in the Portuguese colonial wars as soon as possible. It was essential to open negotiations quickly with the liberation movements. He is already on record as saying that the move towards independence in these territories was irreversible.

"firmly against the Rhodesian UDI and South African racism". On another aspect of Portugal's foreign relations, he said that the Iberian Pact with Spain, was "something belonging to the past", brought about by two fascist dictators.

But he added: "We should ry to make our relations with Spain as cordial as possible, Dr Soares said he was in London for discussions "with my comrades from the British Labour Party, to explain the situation to them, to ask of them full support, diplomatic, eco-nomic and technical, in order Dr Soares, who is Secretary to help the future of General of the Portuguese and to demand urg Socialist Party, said he was nition of the junta". to help the future of Portugal, and to demand urgent recog-

# US ambassador calls on General Spinola Asked about the junta's atti-tude, he replied that the authori-ties had a right to protect them-selves "against psychological and ideological aggression".

The spokesman also said

In another development, in-

two foreigners who wrote and broadcast propaganda for the former regime have been dismissed. They were identified as Mr John Hampton, believed to be a British subject, who worked for the Portuguese radio, and M Plon d'Assac, believed to be French.

Lisbon, May 2-The junta

today announced an annesty for thousands of young Portuguese who fled the coun-try to avoid military service in

A decree said any young men who report to their military units within 15 days of return-ing to Portugal will not be charged with descript. Sol-

diers serving in penal units for desertion will be returned at

to regular military ser-UPL

From Harry Debelius Lisbon, May 2

Mr Scott Nash, the United States Ambassador in Lisbon, met General Spinola, leader of the Portuguese junta, for about a helf hour today.

He was the first foreign ambassador to have an audi-ence with General Spinola since the comp a week ago. The United States Embassy would not comment on what was dis-

Logical subjects for discus-sion would be the future of the United States Air Force base the Azores and Portugal's relations with Nato.

A spokesman for the junta told a press conference that the military were "extremely proud" of the comportment of the people during the enthusiastic celebrations of May Day yesterday. "If April 25 stands for the military release." for the military victory", he said, "May 1 stands for a lesson in coexistence given by the Portuguese people."

The huge demonstrations, he said, had been notable for a spirit of peace and friendship and a lack of violence, they made clear the unity between the armed forces and the

An order from the junta dated April 30 removed 24 ad-mirals and generals from active duty. The junta spokesman said he had "no knowledge" of any resistance to the retirement order from the officers

He hinted that some type of censorship might be reimposed.

# Civil suit alleges \$4m fraud and concealment of Pennsylvania rail losses to deceive shareholders

From Stephen M. Aug Washington, May 2

"The junta relies on the people because the people have demonstrated their support of the junta. And now it is time to go The Securities and Exchange Commission in a civil suit today accused the Penn Central Company, several of its directors and two of its former senior officers with violating federal securities And back to work went the And back to work went the people of Lisbon today. The capital began its second week under the new regime quietly and dutifully. For the first time since the coup there was no racket of car horns honking out the rhythm of victory slogans, for the first time, not a single spontaneous demonstration blocked traffic along the broad laws in connection with the financial collapse of the huge

Also accused are Penn-Central's accounting firm and one of the leading investment concerns in Wall street.

Mr Stuart T. Saunders, former board chairman, and others, were accused of giving the public a false picture of the spontaneous demonstration blocked traffic along the broad central Avenida da Liberdade. formed sources revealed that two foreigners who wrote and company's financial strength.

Company's financial strength.

The SEC said that Mr Saunders and Mr David C. Bevan, former chief financial officer, had issued misleading financial reports for 1968 and 1969 in which the earnings of Penn Central and its railway subsidiary, the now bankrupt Penn Central Transportation Company, "were improperly inflated" Company, inflated ".

They had been aided, the SEC went on, by one of the country's largest accounting concerns, Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Com-

pany, which arendered false and misleading reports with respect to hie financial state-ments of Penn Central. The commission accused three directors of allowing the financial statements to be issued when they knew the information

side information about the com- admit having done anything in pany's rapidly failing financial condition. The SEC asked the federal court in Philadelphia to order him to return to the com-pany the profits improperly ob-tained through these sales.

The directors named as deten-dents are: Mr Edward J. Hanley, Mr Franklin J. Lunding and Mr R. Stewart Rauch.

The commission also accused Mr Bevan and three others of diverting about \$4m (£1.6m) worth of railway money to bank accounts in Liechtenstein.

The others named in the civil charges were Mr Fidel Goetz, of West Germany and two brothers Mr Joseph Rosenbaum, of McLean, Virginia, and Mr Francis Rosenbaum, who is serving a term in the federal penitenitary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The SEC asked that the \$4m should be returned to the company. The trustees of the bankrupt railway have also sought to

In a separate action filed in New York, the SEC accused Goldman, Sachs Company, a New York financial house, of selling Penn Central commercial papers —in effect, short-term bonds and at the same time failing to tell the customers for this commercial paper in mid-1970 that the railway was nearing financial

The commission also alleged Goldman, Sachs entered into that Mr Bevan had improperly, an agreement with the SEC by sold about 15,000 shares of Penn which it promised never to do Central common stock, using insuch a thing again, her did side information about the second such a thing again, her did side information about the second such as the second such

About \$200m worth of co mercial papers was outstanding in late 1969. Penn Central's railway subsidary filed for bank ruptry reorganization on June 21, 1970, throwing the con-mercial paper market into a near

Other defendants named in the suit filed in Philadelphia in. clude Mr Angus G. Wynne jr. who was chairman of the Great South West Corporation, a Pein Central land development subsidiary; Mr Robert C. Baker, a Great South West director, and president of the Macco Realty Company, another Penn Central subsidiary; Mr William Ray, a Great South West official, and Mr H. L. Caldwell, another Great South West officer.

The SEC alleges that Me Baker, Mr Wynne, Mr Ray and Mr Caldwell received payments improperly under employment contracts and asks that the should give up the improper

Also named as defendants a the Penn Central Compair Penn Central Transportation Company and the Pennsylvan Company, an investment sessiblery of the railway.
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#### Transcript readings make compelling television

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, May 2 Last night Americans saw the first "play reading" on national television of President

national television of Francisch Al-Nixon's tape transcripts, al-though CBS, the leading com-mercial network, made no attempt at dramatization, their

The Greek Chorus came to mind to some—a concert per-formance to others—as announcers stod at lecterns taking the various roles of the President, John Dean et al. Large pictures of their protagonists hung by the sides.

30, 1973, to ask the country put Watergate behind, CBS explained that scrip was Mr Nixon's and cautioned that voice

announcers reading straight faced in monotone, and pro-nouncing the terms "unintelli-gible" ad "expletive deleted", as in the text, to listen was to be involved. Television had such powerful effect on an only in its live broadcasts of the Watergate Committee hearexcluded from courtrooms and from the congressional impeachment inquiry proceedings, the medium has been mostly used by the President in his speeches and news conferences.

Last night's hour long sh with more to come this weekend from the other networks—was the medium's equivalent of news-papers' offerings of extracts. None of course can rival the Chicago Tribune, which by 10 pm on Tuesday night, seven hours after the release of the transcripts in Washington, had on the streets the entire 1,308-page text

as a 44-page supplement to its Wednesday edition. On television the President was really up against it. Far more effectively than in any newspaper, flash-backs were in-troduced of what he professed, troduced of what he professed, that way, and it does show the last month, last August, last isolation of the President

April—and then the viewer was asked to listen to what the President and his men were really saying about what they were

saying about what mey were doing.

The network could hardly be accused of taking things out of context; most uncommonly, by American standards, long consecutive extracts were read. One striking impression is seeing the flashbacks was how

much Mr Nixon's race has aged since he first appeared on April 30, 1973, to ask the country to CBS explained that the transcrip was Mr Nixon's version

has censored the material, it is the stuff of drama. Even with announcers reading and cautioned that voice inflex-Interviewed in the programme, Mr James St Clair, the President's lawyer, professed disarmingly "I have an unearty feeling that whoever was talking-forgot what was being recorded..."

There is no way of judging it. dent and Mr Haldeman are supposed to have known of the recording system—and presum ably they were confident that the contents would always be under their control.

But one wonder. There are tantalizing suggestions that Mr Nixon sometimes suddenly remembered almost in mid sentence and quickly corrected there is a discussion with Mr Ehrlichman and Mr Haldeman of those who knew or had sus-picions about Watergate. Mr Ehrlichman: Bob knew, I knew, all kinds of people kn

President: Well, I knew it, I knew it (and interrupting Mr Ehrlichman's response) I must say, though, I didn't know it, but I must have assumed it though. But, you know, fortunately, thank you both for arranging

#### **Ex-Attorney General sees** impeachment closer

By Louis Heren

Mr Elliot Richardson, the former Attorney General of the United States, today said that President Nixon was now closer

He thought that the Senate was unlikely to convict at this stage. The necessary two-thirds majority was not available, but the situation could change if the House of Representatives voted for impeachment.

It was important that the process was seen to be fair and with as little partisan consideration as possible. Much would depend upon the other tape recordings requested by the House judiciary committee and the special prosecutor. The committee would move towards impeachment if they were not released or if the President again under pressure released insufficient evidence. More tape evidence was

necessary to resolve the degree of President Nixon's personal involvement.

Mr Richardson, who was speaking at Chatham House, said that he knew of no national security grounds for the Watergate cover-up or the Ellsberg burglary. Mr Nixon had good reason for trying to stop the leaking of official information. but it should have been done by a law enforcement agency and not by the White House

unfortunate precedent would be created if he resigned because his power to govern had best eroded. He should only resign if and when charges were for mulated and he acknowledged

would be devastating in this year's congressional elections but the office of the president would survive. The abuse of presidential power did not of for constitutional amendment but an effort should be made simplify and decentralize may of the functions now vested

the executive branch.

Mr Richardson said that the framers of the Constitution had been fullowing the gradual evolution of the Watergam affair they would agree that they had wrought well. He admitted that mitted that in a parliamentally system the government would have been changed quickly, but if the United States adopted such a system it would make the French Third Republic look like the Rock of Cibertan.

like the Rock of Gibraltar. The former Attorney General, who resigned rather the carry out the White House order to dismiss Professor Archibald Cox, the special professor archibald Cox, the special professor was asked about his own presidential ambitions. He said that he had no intentish but unlike Sharmen he would but unlike Sherman he wo run if nominated and serve

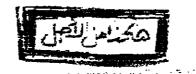
plumbers.

He did not think that Mr decision. He had no plans by hixon would resign, but an he hoped to play an active role.

### All accused deny 'Zebra' killings

San Francisco, May 2.-A lawyer for seven suspects charged with San Francisco's "Zebra" murders said today all were Black Muslims and denied that they had any part in the

men are involved as Zebr killers ", said Mr Clinton White "I've talked to all of them They were being held separate jail cells.--UPL



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# UN maps out 'a new international economic order' and adopts an action plan to aid poor countries

From Peter Strafford New York, May 2

After three weeks of discussions, the United Nations has adopted a formal declaration on "the establishment of a new international economic order". It has also adopted an extensive programme of economic action, including special measures to help the countries which have been hardest hit by such recent trends, as the rise in the

cost of oil. These two documents, approved last night without a vote in the General Assembly, were the climax of the special session on the problems of raw materials and development. They set out the United Nations' reaction to the world energy crisis and to the acute difficulties now being faced by many of the poorest

faced by many of the poorest countries.

How effective they will be remains to be seen. But many delegates were taking the view today that the holding of the conference had by itself made everyone aware of the extent of the world's economic problems.

The most specific recom-

Mr Gulam Mustafa Khar,

former Governor and Chief Minister of Punjab, today alleged he had been driven by

policemen in a car all day long blindfolded and then abandoned

at night 70 miles outside Lahore.

Mr Khar told a press con-ference in Lahore what he be-

lieved was an attempt by his auccessor as Chief Minister, Mr Hanif Ramays, to finish him politically although Mr Khar

still swears allegiance to Mr Bhutto, Prime Minister of Paki-

stan, and his ruling Pakistan Peoples Party, he is reported

Rawalpindi, May 2

Former Punjab Governor

tells of blindfold ride

to help them maintain essential imports over the next 12 months, and it calls on the industrialized countries and other potential contributors to announce their aid by June 15.

There is also a decision to set up a special fund under United Nations auspices, with voluntary contributions from industrial-ized countries and others. This fund is to provide emergency relief and development assist-ance, and is to begin operations by January 1, 1975.

In spite of the apparent harmony last night, the special session was marked by sharp differences of approach. It had originally been called by the Algerians as a means of forcing the industrialized world to rethink their economic rela-tions with the developing countries, and the more militant countries saw it as a confronta-tion between the two groups.

The two documents adopted last night were very largely written by the developing countries, and amendments put The most specific recommendations are those which deal with the poorest countries. The United Nations has decided to Community and even the Russians were rejected.

> condemning the present leadership in Punjab.
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> Mr Khar alleged that he was picked up by a deputy superintendent of police and two other

police officers from his resi-

dence early yesterday morning

without a warrant of arrest. He said he was taken in a car, with

his eyes closed by a piece of cloth tied around his head, from

place to place. He was finally left at the roadside near Sialkot

from where he took a lift from a lorry driver.
The Government denied Mr

Khar's allegations, saying Mr Khar had not been arrested. He

after speaker got up to explain that though they agreed with that though they agreed with the general principles, there were parts of both of them which they could not accept. This was the line taken by the West European countries, in-cluding Britain, and most strongly of all by the United

The declaration of principles speaks of e" equity, sovereignty, equality, interdependence. common interest and cooperation among all states." Among the points objected to are those dealing with the nationalization of natural resources and demanding that the developing countries be compensated for past exploitation by colonialists

and others.

New York. May 2.—Dr Kurt
Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, today sum-moned the heads of the World Bank and International Mone-tary Fund to a conference here tomorrow on emergency aid to the countries hardest hit by current world economic problems. He acted within hours of the General Assembly's adoption of an action programme.—Reuter.

India arrests

union leaders

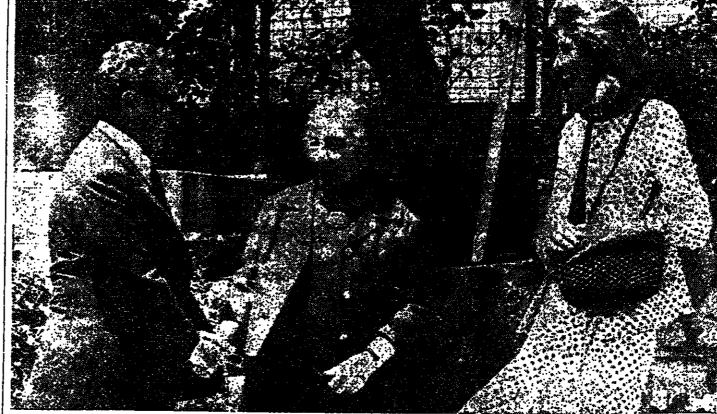
From Our Own Correspondent

The Indian Government today

300 rail

Delhi, May 2

announcement.



Dr Heury Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, and his wife, Nancy with Mrs Golda Meir, the Israel Prime Minister,

# Fighting overshadows Kissinger peace mission

erusalem, May 2

The arrival of Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, to resume his efforts to arrange a disengagement of forces between Israel and Syria was overshadowed today by reports of intensified fighting in the Mount Hermon area. No de-tailed information on the clashes during the night and morning was available.

directly confronted the country's 1,700,000 railway workers by arresting more than 300 senior The fighting was initiated by the Syrians and is regarded here as a serious and ill-timed escalatrades union officials for calling tion. It is understood to have for a national rail strike on May been discussed at a special Cabinet meeting this morning. The pre-dawn arrests led to The statement said tersely that the security situation was reviewed by Mr Moshe Dayan, the Minister of Defence, and Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, the Chief of Staff. the abrupt break off of negotia-tions to avoid a strike. There was uproar in Parliament at the

The unions are demanding pay parity with other public sector employees and an annual A statement by the Army spokesman disclosed that the Syrians had opened fire with was reported missing yesterday | bonus equal to a month's wages.

artillery and Katyusha rockets and two wounded in yesterday's on Israel positions in the occupied enclave and the Golan Heights, but that no casualties were caused. Israel Air Force aircraft attacked military targets in the Mount Hermon area in the morning and the afternoon and all returned safely.

Israel radio reported that residents of some Golan Heights settlements had stayed in their shelters since this morning. This is an indication of the intensity of the artillery barrages as it has rarely been necessary for the settlers to stay in their shelters during the past seven weeks of renewed fighting. On most days work in the fields has continued normally.

No comment has been made here on claims from Damascus that tank clashes have taken place and that a Syrian reconnaissance unit destroyed three Israel tanks and a half-track

artillery battles, the spokesman said. They were a 21-year-old second lieutenant and three privates, all aged 20.

The intensified fighting bodes ill for Dr Kissinger's slim chances of success in getting the two sides to agree to disengage. The obstacles he faces as he begins his shurtling between two ancient cities are an extwo ancient cities are an exaggerated expectancy in Damas-cus of United States pressure on Israel, and a mood of resentment in Jerusalem over the alleged American attempt to persuade the Israelis to with-draw from Quneitra. Dr Kiss-inger's talks here are likely to be long and difficult, and may well be unarreducive.

be long and difficult, and may well be unproductive.

He seemed to sense the changed atmosphere when he arrived at the airport this morning. He emphasized the continued friendship between Israel and the United States which, he said, were embarked on "the

complicated difficult, but essential process of building peace in this area."

Dr Kissinger had perhaps been made aware in advance of annoyance in Israel at remarks by a "senior official" of his party that Israel would be ex-pected to make the initial concessions. He said: "I come here not to discuss concessions, but to discuss security. The issue is not pressure but a lasting peace. Mr Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, hinted obliquely at the strain in Israel. United States relations. He expressed confidence that friendship and common values would outweigh "any variety in view-

Dr Kissinger and his wife, Nancy, making her first visit to Israel, were met at the King David Hotel by demonstrators demanding help for Syrian Jews, Dr Kissinger and his team later began a working se with Israel's negotiators,

#### Warning in Peking on war threat to Europe

From David Bonavia Peking, May ? War in Europe is inevitable

and can only be remporarily postponed, according to a Teng Hsiaoping, a Deputy Prince Minister and member of the Chinese Politburo. In a recent talk here win

West German youth groups, I disarmament talks and other East-West agreements want Europe. Both superpowers in garded control of Europe as the key to world domination T threat to China from the mil or, so Soviet troops stationed than that to Europe, against which Russia had ranged three times as many forces.

This position is in mark

contrast to statements mad last year by the Chinese leade thip, which gave warning of a imminent surprise attack China by the Soviet Union. Mr Teng, who recently a plain China's ideas on the Third World, is increasing emerging as the leadership main spokesman on forci affairs. He was among on senior leaders who yesterd to celebrate the May Day fee

Foreign diplomatic and mi tary observers here are unce to the new uniforms issued members of the Chinese arms forces, particularly the Nav Ratings now wear European style sailor suits and the off cers have peaked caps with restars, in contrast to the forme grey tunic and trousers won by all ranks.

Women in some branches of the armed forces are to be allowed to wear skirts instead of the baggy trousers which have been the rule until por Marines will have black leather boots instead of shoes made of canvas and rubber.

Since the successful arrion be

Since the successful action to the Paracel Islands, it seem that the Peking leadershi wants to give more prestige in the Navy as a defender described the line's claims to certain failure island groups and teach flung island groups and seabe

However, the whole question of military uniform in rank has long been a delicate one, and the decision to reign duce more conventional dre seems bold. significant Another

which emerged from the M Day celebrations was the public appearance in Shenyang of M. Li Teh-sheng, the command of the North-Eastern Milital Region, who has been public attacked in a number of pro-inces as an alleged follower the late Marshal Lin Piao.

The military commanders at least half a dozen och been criticized directly or in

#### Briton faces Zambia trial after road deaths

The Foreign Office has been following the case of a British businessman who was allegedly beaten by Zambian troops and arrested after being involved in

Mr Colin Brown, aged 31, a Mr Colin Brown, aged 31, a building company manager in Lusaka, faces trial on a charge of manslaughter. His vehicle is said to have run into a column of marching troops, killing four and injuring seven near Ndola on March 22. His trial has been set for Monday.

Reports reaching his relatives say that Mr Brown, whose home is at Castor, near Peterborough, was not injured in the accident but was attacked by some of the soldiers.

are held in

year after his arrest

Court order on birth control

Worcester, South Africa, May 2.—A judge today postponed sentence on a 37-year-old col

oured woman found guilty of abandoning her baby, which later died, on condition that she received regular birth control injections for two years.— Reuter.

Tanzanian jails

The Foreign and Common-wealth Office was informed of the case by Sir Harmar Nicholls, Conservative MP for Peterborough. Mr Brown's two sisters live in his constituency.

Mr Brown, a bachelor, has lived in Zambia for nine years. One of the sisters, Mrs Eileen Ladds, said: "Am deeply concerned about his safety. Friends of ours in Zambia have sent us newspaper critings which newspaper cuttings which suggest that Colin will not receive a fair trial.

A spokesman for the Foreign

Office said : " Mr Brown has the services of a lawyer and the British High Commission will continue to keep a close watch on the case and do all they can to help him."

bean tricized directly of ind services of the entire relative skip between the armed form and the central authorities in Peking seems to be in a state of flux.

#### British citizens Australian women to have

Dar es Salaam, May 2.—Five British citizens in Tanzanian prisons include three Asians and two Englishmen, one of whom is serving a three-year sentence for espionage, informed sources disclosed today.

The three Asians, detained in 1972 and 1973, are suspected of illegal currency dealings. The convicted spy is Mr Percy Cleaver, aged 59, a South African resident, who was sentenced last August, more than a year after his arrest. From Our Correspondent Melbourne, May 2 The full bench of the Arbitration Commission today opened the way for equal pay for women throughout Australia. The operation to equalize pay will work in three stages, ending by June 30, 1975.

June 30, 1975.

This decision will affect an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 women and was hailed by the feminist movement today as "a great triumph". In Canberra, Mr Clyde Cameron, the Minister for Labour, said the decision year after his arrest.

The second Englishman is Mr Richard John Miles, aged about 40, from Norfolk, who was arrested at Iringa in southwestern Tanzania on January 10, and moved to Ukonga prison outside Dar es Salaam was of enormous social signifi-cance. Mr Cameron added that it removed an element of dis-crimination which had operated against Australian women for

against Australian women for nearly 200 years.

He continued: "This represents one of the Whitlam Government's proudest achievements. We strongly supported the women's case for minimum equal pay before the commission. It also represents a great victory for those women's groups who over many years have worked with courage and determination to win public support for their campaign to end wage discrimination." wage discrimination.

"The decision also marks the vindication of the Arbitration which will be held on May

equal pay by June, 1975 Commission as the instrume through which Australia has come one of the few countri in the Western world in whit the whole of its work for enjoys legal and enforces minimum standards and wat ing conditions?

ing conditions." Mr Cameron declared that Mr Cameron declared that a minimum wage was a right me had enjoyed for more than years. It was a poor common tary on past Liberal and Common Party Governments that Assilia had to wait until the election of Mr Whitlam as Prime Minimum as Prime a Covernment that he ter for a Government that h had the courage to go into at tration with a full-blooded of for the waiving of discrimin tion against women.

The Arbitration Commission also granted Australia's five of also granted Australia's rive in tion federal workers an increa-of two per cent on their aws rates plus \$A2.50 a week for May 23.

The general reaction to increased pay granted by Commission has been that its add to the present rate of its tion which is running at 14

#### 237 communists die in Vietnam battle From Victoria Brittain

Saigen, May 2

In heavy fighting in Kien Tuong province in the southern part of the Parrot's Beak area on the Cambodian border, where communist tanks were reported in action on Sunday, 237 communist soldiers were killed in the past 48 hours, it was reported today. In the northern part of the Parvot's Beak border area the two government regiments trains to ment regiments trying to reach the embattled Ranger base of Duc Hue, were still fighting towards the base after losing 12 killed and 19 wounded yester-

day afternoon.
Colonel Le Trung Hien said today that although targets in the base areas across the Cambodian border might have been hit by air strikes and artillery fire during the two operations, no South Vietnamese ground no South Vietnamese ground troops had crossed the border.
Questioned about reports from returning soldiers that they had crossed it. Colonel Hien said they would not be in

a position to know, as the horder is unmarked and the swampy rice paddies look identical on each side of it. delta in an aircraft owned by The battle in Kien Tuong the

today accounted for 120 of the communist dead, most of whom were killed by air strikes, according to Colonel Hien. No government casualties were reported in the area. The battle was fought half a mile from the horder.

America, which would be trary to the Paris agreement Colonel Hien said that week's heavy fighting in Parror's Beak was the result the communists consolidate their base area in the Reak schick had heavy dame. border.
According to military sources

According to military sources it was an attempt by the government to recover the isolated border outpost of Long Khot, which, they said, had been evacuated on Monday. The command denied that the post had been overrup and evac had been overrun and evacvared.

Government casualties in the Long Khot area in the past 48 hours were 23 wounded and In both operations the gov-

ernment forces are supported by infantry and armoured units. No communist tanks were signed today or vesterday. No communist dead have been counted in the Duc Hue area. In Kien Tuong three communist prisoners were taken today. Photographers on the spot alleged that the prisoners had been flown to Can Tho, the headquarters for the Mekong

firm

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Beak which had been dam by the South Vietnamese in 1972. He said that the Vietnamese 5 Division has cently moved from Binh to the Parrot's Beak, and intensified pressure on provinces of Kien Tuong Nghia and southern Tay along the border with Ca dia.

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#### KHRUSHCHEV MEMOIRS.

# De Gaulle was not ope stupid but a clever fellow

Early in 1960 I received an invitation from President de Gaulle to visit France. I must admit we were caught by sur-prise. It came at a time when France had been deeply involved in the aggressive activities of the NATO alliance and had bee pursing anti-Soviet policies to such a degree that we felt forced to threaten cancellation of the friendship treaty which had been signed by our two countries after

We convened the leadership and decided on the composition of the delegation I would lead. Gromyko was included in his cromyko was included in his capacity as Foreign Minister. So was Kosygin. Why Kosygin? Because we knew we would be meeting with French industrialists, and Kosygin had a useful background. I think he'd once heen the diverge of Gromyko was included in his capacity as Foreign Minister. So was Kosygin. Why Kosygin? Because we knew we would be meeting with French industrialists, and Kosygin had a useful background. I think he'd once been the director of some factory in Leningrad. Because of his concern with light industry, we decided he should go to Paris with us.

It was important that we here " it any easier for me to stay here"

It was important that we arrive in Paris according to schedule, since a full-dress re-ception ceremony had been carefully prepared, and President de. Gaulle himself would be wait-ing for us. We landed right on time. I remember being im-pressed by how well constructed the concrete runway was and how well equipped the airport was. We should give the West credit: there are some things they can do better than we can, and this runway was an example.

During my stay in Paris the French government arranged an enormous reception in my honour. De Gaulle himself was there, towering over everyone-else, and he seemed full of energy. He made a point of in-troducing me to representatives of African states belonging to the so-called French Community —in other words, the colonies. He kept leading some Negra-over to me and saying, 'This is Monsieur so and so; he represents such and such a province of France. Naturally these people always smiled and acted very courteous with the President, and as soon as they'd been introduced to me, he'd run off to find some more.

6 In France today it... still helps to have a

" de "in front of your name, but what really counts is how much money you have?

At a reception given by our ambassador, many prominent people showed up. We could tell they were prominent because tell they were prominent because they had names beginning with.
"de", which I believe means a person who belongs to the nobility. Of course, the French, Revolution settled accounts with a lot of people whose names began with "de", and we all know who came out on lop-stonsieur Capital. In France today, however, it still helps to have a "de" in front of your name, but what really counts is name, but what really counts is how much money you have.

While I was standing in the receiving line, along came a good-looking young man with a black moustache and his hair groomed in a fancy way. His face looked just like one of those that used to be drawn on the signs outside a barbershop. Our ambassador whispered to me that signs outside a barbershop. Our ambassador whispered to me that I would now meet the biggest capitalist in all of France, Rothschild. Of course it's a terribly famous name. I'd known about the Rothschilds-from the newspapers back in the days when I was a worker because their own workers were always aring or critical. going on strike.

When he was introduced to me I said: "I'm very pleased to meet you, Mr Rothschild. I're heard a lot about you. I'm glad to have the honour of shaking hands with you. I welcome you as a guest of our embassy." He, murmured something in reply.

The reason I'm relating this incident is that we attached some significance to Rothschild's attendance at our reception. Of course, he wouldn't have come if we hadn't invited him. Our ambassador said: "If Rothschild does come it means he isn't hove idoes come, it means he isn't boy-orting our invitation, and there-fore he's expressing his recogni-tion of us." That wasn't to say tion of us." That wasn't to say Rothschild was showing his espect for us. After all, what child have for the representatives of the Soviet State, especially for the Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Secretary of the Central Committee?

While still in Paris at the bejuning of my visit, I went to the ouvre. It reminded me of my routh when I once toured the Winter Palace in Leningrad; titer a whole day of moving as juickly as I could from room to com, I was so exhausted that I couldn't walk; I just collapsed on a park bench to rest—and hat was when I was young and trong! Well, the Louvre is ven bigger and richer in its ollection of bequiful things. you can't possibly see every-hing in one visit.

I was also shown the Champs-I was also shown the Champs-lysees and taken out to Ver-silles by our guide, the Minister of Culture, a famous writer. Andre Mairaux I. In the orig-nal Russian, Kluushchev says, The Minister of Culture was a vell-known writer. I think he and the same last name as that ther faphous French writer, lolicre." I was told he had had n interesting life. He'd started

off as an active Communist, then later became an equally active Gaullist. I found him warm and sincere. He wanted me to get a good impression of France and of ell its cultural treasures.

From my visit to Berdeaux I temember best the mayor, an energetic and—compared to me -young man named Chaban Delmas. He made a good impression on me. I'd been told he was a Gaullist, and the certainly didn't conceal it from me.
Throughout our conversation he kept proudly referring to his close contacts with President de

In Marseilles I stayed in a alace or manor house reserved for special guests. The presidential representative who

here ....

- He meant by his remark that the house was a historical monument, where French kings used to live when they came to Marseilles and therefore was for only the most honoured guests. He chose to make light of it because he knew I wouldn't be greatly impressed and he was We continued to joke at

His wife turned out to be a very nice English woman. She told us she loved Russian vodka. We'd brought some presents with us, including a few bottles of vodka, so we broke it out and drank it. After we finished it off, I felt there was a definite need guards who were travelling with us if they had any. They pro-duced some immediately. At about this point the English lady was smiling happily, and we polished off our guards volka without any trouble. I'd like to be correctly understood here. I don't want anyone to think I'm saying that the presidential representative's wife had a weakness for alcohol. Nothing of the sort. She conducted herself with dignity and didn't get even the slightest bit drunk. She was considerably younger than her husband and obviously in excellent health. She just knew how to hold her liquor. But she knew her limit, too. I don't want to create a bad impression about the wife of the man who received ns so hospitably in Marseilles. She was a good woman, a good wife, and a good mother. She was also very gay. I don't know: maybe gaiety is a national characteristic of the English In the unrestrained atmosphere of our meal together, both she and her husband treated is with warmth, courtesy, and good will

warmth, courtesy, and good will.

Now I know maybe some people are going to say, "How can Krushchev, a Communist, have such a benevolent attitude toward the French administration in Marseilles, especially toward a man who was in charge of the local police?" My answer to that is: can I help it if even under a police uniform sometimes beats a human heart? Of course, maybe his heart had nothing to do with it, and he was just discharging the task assigned to him by the President I wouldn't try to guess. All I know is, I was treated very well.

4 I enjoyed singing the Marseillaise "because I had been brought up on it; it was the song of my youth?

I remember at the same meal the Foreign Ministry official who had formerly been ambassador to Moscow [Louis Joxe] got slightly drunk and started singing sones. Pretty soon we all began singing the Marseillaise. I mean, after all, how could you be in Marseilles and not sing the Marseillaise? We began to temember the history of the great French Revolution. The mood was all very pleasant. Jenjoyed singing the Marseillaise because I had been brought up because I had been brought up on it; it was the song of my youth. Each of us, of course. felt about the song in a differway. The Frenchmen sang as the French national anthem, while we were singing it as the revolutionary battle hymn of the working class.

I said to the former ambassador, Do you know how we used to sing this song? I'm not sure what our host will think about the lyrics in our version.' I told him the lyrics. They went

General Trepov summoned all

his gendarmes;
Oh, you bluecoats, search all
the apartments!
We have searched three
hundred, sir and found not a single socialist, but in the three hundred and first we found a student and under his coat We found a bottle of water

After i'd told him the lyrics the former ambassador said Oh, sure, let's sing it 1' So we began to sing, and he joined in. It made me think of my distant youth, but it also made me a bit uncomfortable. I kept looking over my shoulder to see if there were any policemen around. The gendarine who was our host didn't understand the lyrics, but the former ambassa-



dor understood every wordand was roaring with laughter. After a while I decided we should stop before we offended our host, who was a gendarme

Let's sing something else instead, 'I said. 'It would be too bad if our singing this song were misinterpreted.' The for fellow. ambassadur just laughed all the harder. I liked him very much; he really knew how to put people at ease.

our general assessment of de lished a reactionary election law Communist Party to provide

leader. Talleyrand once said thoughts. The same goes for a

rightist forces; but he did not that a diplomat is given a tongue create conditions for the supin order to hide his true pression of the French Communist Party. He correctly underpolitician. De Gaulle is a case stood that the Communist Party in point. Was he smart or had deep roots in the French stupid? For a while he was working class and peasantry. considered an idiot and a fascist. and something curbed his in-But in fact he was a very smart tolerance towards the ideals of Communism. Perhaps he was When de Gaulle came back to afraid an outright suppression lead the country for the second of the party might cause unrest time, he strengthened the power or even civil war. Whatever his of the Presidency (in other motivation, he demonstrated I'd like to give some idea of words, his own power); he estab- common sense by allowing the

and its press to survive.

It was a good thing, too, because someone had to lead the against us. attack on de Gaulle's immense personal power. He himself said. "I am France". The govcrument formed by him was supposed to do nothing but stand at his side while he made all the decisions. The government passively accepted its status; it did not claim any rights to sharleadership. It was left to the Communist Party and press to declare war on the concentration of all that power in the hands of one man-one man who let him self become the faithful servant and ideologue of his own class, the capitalists and landowners Even today, now that de Gaulle is no longer there, the power in France is still concentrated in the hands of a few outspoken Gaullists who pursue the same reactionary internal policies.

However, when it came to foreign policy, we considered de Gaulle one of the most intelligent statesmen in the world, at least among the bourgeois leaders. I've already mentioned how we approved of his common sense in his treatment of the French colonies, Algeria and Guinea, Furthermore he had a correct and sober-minded evaluation of the Soviet Union's importance in the world. De Gaulle admitted to me that he knew France didn't have the stature and influence she once had Gaulle as a man and as a political opening the floodgates for representation for the French possessed; he recognized that

peasantry and proletariat in the the United States and the Soviet always been for a larger number parliament. Of course, he left Union were now the two great only a narrow opening, the powers, and—while he didn't slightest crack, yet it was necessarily approve of our enough for the Communist Party foreign policy - his own foreign policy did not represent an aggressive force directed

Before I settled down with de Gaulle for our tasks, our ambassador, Vinogradov, stressed to me the positive aspects of the President's foreign policy. Vinogradov was completely won over by the General. Jokingly, we used to refer to Vinogradov among ourselves as a Gauliist. I should add, however, that as ing in some sort of collective a result of my own experience leadership. It was left to the with de Gauile, I shared Vinogradov's high estimation of

I could tell de Gaulle mistrusted Germany deeply. He even gave me his solemn assur-ance that he would never let France get sucked into a war against the Soviet Union on the side of West Germany and Nato: "Mr Khrushchev I can Nato: "Mr Knrusnchev, I can promise you with absolute cer-tainty that France will never fight against the Soviet Union as an ally of Germany."

Perhaps the most important thing about de Gaulle's position on Germany was that he differed from other [Nato] countries on the question of German reunifi-cation. Other countries sup-ported those forces which strived to liquidate the German Democratic Republic and reunite Germany on a capitalist

De Gaulle, too, was against the political system of the GDR, but his position was unique in that he did not want to see Germany reunited at all. On the contrary. he reminded us that ever since the war he had wanted to see Germany dismembered as much as possible: "Two Germanies is not enough; our preference has hower.

of independent Germanies."

De Caulle also tried to promote his idea that Europe should be united into one entity from the Atlantic to the Utals. In addition to being impractical, the idea also had an unpleasant his-torical association for us. Histor. too, had wanted to get to the Urals, I couldn't help thinking to myselt, "How surprising! We already defeated them, and now here's another one toying with the same idea." I'm sure de Gaulle wasn't the only capitalist leader who wanted to unite Europe. For that matter, we wanted to unite it, too. There was only one dif-ference between us; they wanted to establish capitali m throughout the continent, while we wanted to eliminate capitalism and establish socialism.

While favouring some sort of While favouring some sort of increased unity among the nations of Europe, de Gaulle also told us that France's position in the Nato alliance was increasingly uncomfortable, and he told us flatly that it was the guardianship of Europe by the United States which caused this discomfort. I had to give de Gaulle credit for one thing: he had a clear understanding of where France's interests lay, and he was not subject to outwhere france's interests lay, and he was not subject to outside influences; it was impossible for anyone—including the Americans—to force upon him any position which was not in France's pest interests as he saw them. He did not want France to be simply a pawn on the board of America's global policy to isolate the Soviet Union, nor did he want France to be a blind weapon in the hands of the Union States United States.

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Monday: Deadlock with Eisen-



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#### No vitality lost

Drury Lane

#### Irving Wardle

Of all the angry decade's antiheroes, none has shown more staying power than the hopeless work, the production takes protagonist of Keith Water-account of how the North has house's novel Billy Liar. Successively reborn on stage, film and television, Billy Fisher has lost none of his vitality; perhaps because, unlike his Londonbound compatriots, he never managed to get out.

If he had taken the fateful 12.40 to King's Cross instead of flunking it at the last minute, and if a few of his dreams had and if a few of his dreams had come true, one can imagine what he might be like today. London is littered with ulcerous middleaged Billies who did make the break. But, as it is, he remains ageless, forever embalmed in a cyclic first chapter that allows you to laugh both with and at him, and even to share some of his wish-fulfilment.

Now he appears again, this time in a setting that should gratify even his grandiose fantasies. Billy is as opulent a Drury Lane musical as I can remember, and in defiance of the theatre's track-record, it is also an honest and intelligent show that plays fair with the book. If his story is to be staged at all, the musical is the most at any the misical is the most suitable form; it offers the most direct way of contrasting Billy's stunted life in Stradhoughton with the stars that are exploding inside his head. And the adap-ters, Dick Clement and Ian la Frenais, have consistently extended their book in this way.

You get the approach from the opening scene with Mother Fisher raucously summoning her son to breakfast while Billy, in pyjamas, is parachuted in to address a conqueror's speech to the rapturous citizens of Ambrosia. It is one of the treats of the show, and good theatrical

sense, that the fantasies are allowed actually to happen. When Billy stalks out after a family row, detonator in hand, the house really goes up, for the time being; when he is chal-lenged by the gold-digging Rita (Elaine Paige) on the dance floor, he does stun her by storming into a rock-star routine. jockey.

The Royal Opera's production

of Verdi's Otello dates back to 1955. Casts have changed slowly

in its revivals since then but the current run of performances

brings forward a whole crop of

newcomers to what was once

Peter Potter's production (Ande

Anderson looks to have had too

but the chorus). Wednesday's

performance communicated real freshness and a sense of excite-

ment, even at the expense of

polish. A strong cast was work-

ing under pressure but, some-

how, apparently together—the

ensembles, for instance, were powerful and nicely balanced,

especially the second act quartet "Dammi la dolce e lieta parola"

the conductor, Charles Mackerras, needed more rehearsal with

There were indications that

Otello

Covent Garden

William Mann

None of this interferes with the line of the plot or recognition that, however stifling the en-vironment, Billy lacks the strength to climb out of it.

In some ways, the story has been updated to advantage. Besides the basic Yorkshire living room and Billy's place of And Ralph Koltai's maze-like shopping precinct and joyless adventure playground give the hero still more motive for com-pensation fantasies.

Production numbers, choreo-graphed by Onna White, manage at once to create a vividly animated stage and to express the sense of a blinkered, arid way of life. John Barry (music) and Don Black (lyrics) have not missed the chance to point this up in one touching number by an old councillor looking back beyond the concrete to the time of green fields.

of green fields.

The score and lyrics fall into the music-hall style customary in British musicals, with some echoes of smooth Thirties dance. Where they excel is in heightening the action, and in particular in duets carrying on conflicts and characters are the sectors. and character contrasts between the singers.

Michael Crawford's Billy is intrinsically a more glamorous figure than the unvarnished character one remembers from Albert Finney and Tom Courteney. Perhaps that is inevitable in the altered circuminevitable in the altered circumstances; and it is an immensely winning performance, taking all the high-style technical accomplishments in its stride (top hat and cane routines to black and silver decor), and subsiding beautifully into domestic gormlessness, and solo flights of invention where his showbix aspirations momentarily seem plausible, and abased into terrible wheedling self-ingratiation with his girls.

tion with his girls.
Patrick Garland's production parrick Garland's production also gives full weight to the straight domestic comedy, played with full authenticity by Bryan Pringle and Avis Bunnage. The girls are nicely distinguished. And I look forward to renewed encounters with Berry Lomes a sandonic with Barry James, a sardonic young clown who doubles as one of the funeral parlour dogs-bodies and a heavily stoned disc

looking all the while so per-fectly in character and so sumptuously edible. Yet her strongest contribution to this performance, for me, was her

for a time it seemed slightly hoarse and unlovely. But the big arias are majestically and musically sung, the characterization big and dramatically consistent.

He is a grizzled Moor, digni-

fied in public at first but doomed by his tortured emotions which have not been tamed by soldier-ing. The heart of his cogent impersonation is "Dio! Mi potevi scagliar", the words inflected like an Olivier, the the orchestra (presumably the double-basses' recitative at Othello's last entrance will be musical line moulded as by a Casals. This is not yet an arrived Othello—they do not grow on trees—but there are strong hints rehearsed up to the nines before the next performance, but it was that he may become a great one.

only the most glaring example), though clearly he knows the Piero Cappuccilli, the Iago, score intimately, loves it, and was able to project that affection has as gorgeous a Verdi high baritone as could be asked for. and understanding by sheer drive and blandishment and He also is a highly intelligent, thoughtful singer as well as a lovely vocal animal: "Son scelerato", in the Credo, thunders out but there are great It was the principal singers, as well as the conductor, who as well as the conductor, who brought this performance to life. Keen opera-goers had already appreciated Kiri te Kanawa's blameless, radiant Desdemona in Scotland. Since then her voice has grown, she undertones of eternal sorrow in the confession. He shows us a villain by no means conventional, almost unwilling (as is Othello's jealousy with Mr Cossutta). His recital of Cassio's has sung the role elsewhere (re-cently at the Met) and acts the fictitious dream was exquisitely cently at the Met) and acts the part as vividly as she sings it. Desdemonas are expected to interpret the Willow Song and Ave Maria, and the third act duet and finale, and the end of of the choral serenade, and numerous great moments in the first act love duet, with all the angelic qualities that Miss te Kanawa brings to them. They usually don't, and hopeful Desdemonas must sense the imagined, a true feat of artistry. He does need a producer, as the He does need a producer, as the duet with Cassio (John Dobson, equally in need) made plain. But with Mr Cossutta in "Si pel ciel" a formidable moment of music drama emerged as it should. It was thanks to them, and Mr Mackerras, and Verdi of course, not thanks to Covent Carden who should value Orello Garden who should value Otello enough to do it properly, not rely on genius and artistic goodwill for a successful revival of a masterpiece which needs a brilliant new production. Desdemonas must sense the green-eyed monster of jealousy when they hear her mould these and other famous passages so effortlessly and beautifully,

#### I solisti veneti Queen Elizabeth Hall

#### Stanley Sadie

Wednesday's English Bach Fes-tival concert—four concertos by Vivaldi and three transcriptions of them by Bach—threatened to be didactic, but turned out to be enormous fun. I had reck-oned without the high spirits of these Venetian players and the extraordinary ebullience of their conductor, Claudio Scimone.

Mr Scimone has a happy knack of setting a tempo just a little too fast for each Allegro, and then bringing it off, with everyone on the edge of his seat. He does other interesting and faintly alarming things. For example, he bent the rhythm at the opening of Vivaldi's Op 3 No 9 violin concerto to make a rhetorical point, but destroyed a musical correspondence while a mississ of the had his players use a spiccato bowing in the finale of the same concerto, a brilliant effect which vivadi might have envied had it been accomplished players to another possible with the bow of his The keyboard version needed time; often he brought out an more deliberation, with so inner line, played molto legato, which Vivaldi had thoughtlessly which Vivaldi had thoughtlessly it; and here, in Bach, Mr left in semi-obscurity; and he scimone found the right tempo gave good value in ensuring that

any sudden forte was fortissimo and any hushed piano was

His Vivaldi, then, was heady stuff; after it, Bach seemed cerebral. Of the three arrange-ments, the first was for harpsichord, carefully played by Edoardo Farina. Bach filled out some of the music quite ingeniously, but at the same rime reduced its directness and energy; and what may be magical on the violin may be mechanical on the harpsicho In the great D minor concerto Op 3 No 11, the arresting, showy opening for violins and cello turns on the organ into an elegant and modest piece of logic; and David Lumsden's clear account of the fugue, well sprung in rhythm, let us hear more of its argument than the Solisti had when dashing off

Vivaldi's original. Finally we had Vitaldi's B minor four-violin concerto and Bach's four-harpsichord arrange ment. The Vivaldi danced along. the musical interest pirouetting from one of these unobtrusively more deliberation, with so much extra detail, and received

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

#### Woody Allen shows how to be a clown

Sleeper (a) Odeon, Leicester Square

Little Lord Fauntieroy (u) Berkeley 2

Woody Allen is a comedian who rates comparison with the great silent clowns. He has the 'prentice humility (or larceny) to plunder the great comic tradition, to lift gags and methods and even hits of personality. and even bits of personality from the old masters; and he is master enough himself to make the borrowings his own prop-

One of the first lessons he has absorbed from bis predecessors is the need for the support of a story structure. Sleeper begins as The Bed Bug, develops as Fahrenheit 451 and then, admittedly, ends rather lamely (and it is a measure of Allen's quality that you actually care that he has not managed to bring it to the sort of story climax be has promised).

Allen's hero, Miles, goes into hospital to check on a peptic ulcer but a slight error in the therapy lands him in a spacetime experiment. He wakes up in 2173, after the holocaust which has destroyed all trace which has destroyed an frace of our civilization except a few news photographs, a Playboy centrefold and a fragment of film on Mr Nixon ("Yes", muses Miles, "he was a President of the United States... They always counted the silver whenever he went out of the White House").

The new world is an authoritarian utopia where the masses are sedated by television and instant-orgasm machines and ere docile under dictatorship, sere docie under dictatorship, secret police, brain-laundromats and liquidations. Science, though, has at last proved that cigarettes and chocolate fudge are the essentials of sound health.

Within the framework Allen again follows the masters in structuring self-contained comic episodes, which he cuts deter-minedly from one to the next the instant the comic point is

He has studied hard, and is obsessed by film. There are gags from Keaton (the inflated space suit that turns Miles into a canoe is straight from The space suit that turns Miles into a cause is straight from The would certainly have appreciated the joke of riding up and work is behind all this, as could be seen in her timing of her last entrance and in her several collapses to the ground.

The new Othello, Carlo Cossutta, sounded underpowered on his first entry, "Esultate", and his voice is not richly euphonious in this Bach-trumpet of a role; for a time it seemed slightly

space suit that turns Miles into a cause is straight from The Way of the personality and invention. He is a original as any of the great universal popularity—first as original as any of the great universal popularity—first as original as any of the great industry." Her universal popularity—first as original as any of the great universal popularity—first as original as any of the great universal popularity—first as original as any of the great industry." Her universal popularity—first as original as any of the great universal popularity—first as original as any of the great industry." Her universal popularity—first as original as any of the great and colour-supplement in the tape from an incompetently operated of a building on the tape from an incompetently operated computer) and from the tape from an incompetently operated computer) and from the tape from an incompetently operated computer) and from the unimate urban weed and colour-supplement in tellectual, with his pallid, days.

Even before her name was published, audiences enthused convinced cowardice and his for "The Girl With the convinced assertion of ever- and the decade that followed it, they frankly worshipped. Mary appreciate the joke of riding up and down the side of a building on the tape from an incompetently operated computed in Allen's own distinctive universal popularity—first as original as any of the great interval the ultimate urban then The World's—was indeed a major factor in creating Holly—was indeed and colour-supplement in tellectual, with his pallid, they from The weed and colour-supplement in a convinced covarit sequence), he is the Tin Man from The Wizard of Oz; then borrows from Chaplin—both
The Gold Rush and Modern Times—when threatened by a ferocious giant mechanic who is bent on replacing his evidently

Television could justify its existence on the simple grounds that it is a museum for old movies which would otherwise

have been forgotten long ago,

revived only now and again by small bands of enthusiasts in

draughty public halls. And no-where will you find a more

ardent curator than the BBC's Philip Jenkinson, who once gor so carried away that he wrote his Radio Times synopsis of the

coming week's old films in rhyming verse. There is true

love for you. In Film Night Special on Wednesday on BBC 2, Jenkinson

got away from his usual routine of showing us old and somewhat obscure film clips of Will Hay playing the bagpipes and instead got stuck into a modern master of cinema art, Federico Fellini. A little season of Fellini.

starts tonight on BBC 2 with La Dolce Vita and Jenkinson

went to Rome to chat with the

we saw film clips from Juliette and the Spirits, Satyricon, Roma, La Dolce Vita, 83, and the newest, Fellini's fifteenth film, I Remember, which will open the Cances film festival next week In hetween

anyway
Everything you do is autobiographical. If a man tries to
do something very objective,
then it is the autobiography of

some one who is very objective", he said, adding: "It is not very important if something

am I a clown? All that comes

just from the creature who wants

to materialize. To me the only

real problem for a creator is in

what way the fantasy is to be realized, made flesh ... and when you have finished the creature, his destiny is his own."

All good, if predictable, stuff.

And delivered with a fine accent.

lous moment when Jenkinson criticized Fellini's sound tracks, only to be told: "I think you spend too much time looking to my pictures."

director.

defective head mechanism.

Film night special

Stanley Reynolds

BBC 2

Anguished Robot: Woody Allen

Again Sami, the Ideal Woman restrained by his capacity to make comic use of it.

of the future who degenerates into a howling idiot when deprived of her opiates, he launches into Stan and Ollie routines, Abbott and Costello double talk, and even a Stanley Kowalski-Blanche Dubois duologue (by chance the film of Streetcar Named Desire is revived this week at Cinecenta). Equally he will develop varia-tions on traditional Jewish talk

comedy.

Incredibly all this is subsumed in Allen's own distinctive

lunatic, dedicated, unselfcons-cious earnestness of an advertising agency conference, and in which monster instant puddings may prowl, like mountain breast that menaced defective head mechanism.

in All You Ever Wanted to husband Douglas Fairbanks.

As a double act with Diane Know about Sex. The extravKeaton (the heroine of Play it agance of his invention is only exacted for their fanatical love,

No one in pictures was ever bigger than Mary Pickford. The entire cinema industry seemed to depend from her in the formative years before and after the First World War. "Whoever... emerged in possession of a contract with Mary Pickford", wrote the historian Terry Ramsaye, "was going to hold the whip hand in the whole industry." Her universal popularity—first as the whole industry." Her universal popularity—first as America's Sweetheart, and then The World's—was indeed a

demands for appropriate re-wards—which she tended to estimate by making sure her income always streaked ahead of the other most popular stars of the time, Chaplin and her own

was to force her to remain permanently the child she had played when, aiready 16, she first acted for D. W. Griffith. first acted for D. W. Grintin.
As she grew older, her ambitions to be an actress and a
woman—publicly as well as privately—were constantly first
trated. When she was 35 the
public still made her play Polbyannes and Poor Little Rich
Girls.

lyanness and Poor Little Rich Girls.

More than any other star she belonged exclusively to her own exa: more than any of her contemporaries it is hard now, almost impossible indeed, to recapture or comprehend the fanetical enthusiasm she commanded. She is charming, undoubtedly; a capable and conscientious actress in the somewhat emphatic style of the nineteenth-century melodrama theatre which trained her. She is tough and witty and manages the sentiment without sentimentality. Her child characterizations are brilliantly studied and differentiated. In Little Lord Fauntleroy she is patently neither a boy nor an infant; but she compels you to belief by her own sheer conviction.

And yet, while all this remains, the magic has left no trace, except in the record of contemporaries. We can admire her as we would say other gifted and hard-working silent actress; but that is all.

gifted and hard-working silent actress; but that is all.

The Berkeley Cinema just now has a season of her films. Fauntleroy (1921) is the first to be shown and a tribute to Pickford's favourite cameraman, Charles Rosher, as much as to the actress herself. The trick photography which enables her to play the dual roles of Cedric and his mother (the contrast shows Pickford at her cleverest) is to this day unsurpassed, To be fair to the star, flat as these surviving prints.

Willy Porst's eclipse has been Willy Forst's eclipse has been less due to any defect in him than to the accident that he was working in Austro-Germany in the '30s, and has been overtaken by the myth that all the films of that era were undifferentiated pomp and propaganda. Forst was in fact a Viennese, and as director and performer his greatest assets were the legendary native were the legendary native

current tribute to Forst (now 72 and living in Switzerland) I have only seen Operette, a sumptuous, romantac musical about rival mineteenth-century bin Sebastian Ott, which reveals Forst in an unfamiliar light, as director of a thriller on the lines of Fritz Lang's German crime pictures, and not far short of the Master in humour and suspense.

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visual effect is fine. Stravinsky's homage to Tchai-

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perhaps the most delicate per-

Dagmar Kessler in The Fairy's Kiss

#### Photograph by Anthony Crickmay

# An appealing spectacle

which will open the Cantes that festival next week. In between these clips Fellini, whose pictures are so objective and look as if they were improvised, told Jenkinson that nothing was improvised and everything everyone did was subjective The Fairy's Kiss Coliseum

#### John Percival

Ronald Hynd's production of The Fairn's Kiss began its life in London when he mounted one I rell in the picture has really scene ("By the Mill") for the happened or not."

He spoke of his work as if it had a being separate from himiself. "When I make a picture I 1968; three years later a redon't have this problem about vised version went on in Munich myself. Am I myself violent or where Hynd was ballet director. scene ("By the Mill") for the Royal Baller's Choreographic Group. The complete work was Another three years on, he has at last brought it to London in a revival for Festival Ballet.

The biggest difference from the Durch production is in the decor. Peter Docherty has devised a setting which looks splendid and gives a thematic unity to the four main scenes. Nobody is likely to complain that he has borrowed liberally But if Jenkinson is propagating that he has horrowed liberally the faith to a new generation via television, then I don't really colouted light projections on think the programme was enough of an introduction to plist rapid silent scene changes, enough of an introduction to plist rapid silent scene changes, such an idiosyncratic figure as and a silken tent which forms Fellini. Still, that was a marvel-the fair; s lair and is strikingly echoed in shapes made with the bridal veil in the mill scene.

I mention the designs first of action, his one notable less serious, but far more enterbecause I think the ballet will innovation being a motif of taining than this choreographer make its strongest appeal as a sharp, complex arm movements and designer's Charlotta Bronte.

to identify the fairy with the fortune teller. Provided that one spectacle. Something looked wrong with the too dindy visible is willing to take the connexion between the opening scene and the rest on trust (the hero is not visibly identified with the rescued baby), the story telling is clear. finale on Wednesday: was the game front curtain meant to rise, I wonder? Failing that, more light on the stage is imperative. Also, the costumes for the men are sometimes a little quaint, especially the skirt of the hero's tunic, which looks like an attenuated turu. But the cumulative visual effect; is fine. For the fairy, Hynd has

created strong, dominating solos which Maina Gielgud presents with the right forceful attack. The bride in this version is a less prominent figure; Dagmar Kessler's performance is small in scale but prettily done. Peter romance, but one that catches the energy and growth of the music. Unfortunately Stravinsky is a double-faced contributor to the ballet. His music is a never-failing delight and must be a strong representation to any Breuer as the young man has a lot of difficult solos which he accomplishes with flowing ease, but perhaps Hynd has been too subtle in the writing of this role; only at the end of the mill be a strong temptation to any scene does the virtuosity develop choreographer; but the scenario he concocted from Hans obvious to the spectator.

Andersen's Ice Maden presents his problems of the baller is

A weakness of the ballet is the lack of human interest the problems of coherence and credibility.

The only entirely successful treatment I have seen was John Neumeier's at Prankfurt, which and the mysterious longings of neumeier's at Frankfurt, which and the mysterious longings of made sonse by largely rewriting the plot and adding a prologue for the first soul really come alive. This to Tchaikovsky music. Hynd real fairy tale. On that level, it sticks to Stravinsky's indications is very ably achieved: less deep, of action, his one notable less serious, but far more enterimovation being a motif of talining than this choreographer

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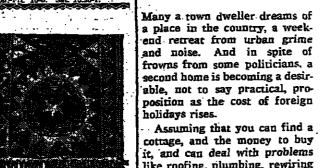
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like roofing, plumbing, rewiring and rot, you can have great fun indulging your tastes in interior design. Many people still have horse brasses, but today the most pleasant interiors are well combines the best of old and

cottage pictured here, was determined that the result was not to be

All the furniture was bought locally, much of it at gratifyingly low prices—Saturday mornings spent browsing in junk shops and not too fancy antique shops can turn up some very good buys.

In the sitting room (above right) the old furniture blends well with a mixture of smart modern pieces which, by today's standards, are not ourrageously expensive. The cream tweed sofa, specially covered, cost about £80; the steel and glass coffee table about £30; and the imposing hessian lampshade was £1.40 from British Home Stores.

Features like the inglenook and original beams have been carefully preserved, and set against a background of blue and gold. There is a niche for glass storage, and underneath it is a commode which houses gramophone records. A tail French desk, not pictured, has been converted into a drinks cabinetyou can take liberties with old but not very valuable furniture. The kitchen-diming room in

the other picture is 19ft by 8ft, old beams you are fortunate and a model of planning down to the last inch. In the dining area four can eat in comfort, six at a squeeze. The dividing unit acts as a servery, with drawers on the dining side for cutlery and

local carpenter, and worked out emulsion and vinyl.

cheaper than more rigid conventional units. The cupboards and end retreat from urban grime walls are painted a deep cinuamon colour, which not only frowns from some politicians, a creates an illusion of greater remember that vinyl does not space but, combined with the rather grand manner decorative pieces, also makes a warm and integrated cooking/eating area.

The bedroom cupboards, too, cottage, and the money to buy are elegant and space saving. Old it, and can deal with problems wardrobes with handsome mirrored fronts have been used to face built-in units.

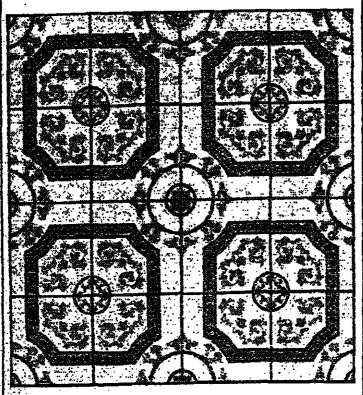
Nearly everyone embarking on a second home will have to visions of chintz curtains and buy some new furnishings and equipment. Here are a few suggestions that are inexpensive heated, well lit, well planned, and can mostly be bought from smartly coloured and completed manufacturers with countrywith a blend of furniture that wide distribution, or mail order.

Starting at floor level, there are two really good buys I have built in 1747, is one of a cluster seen recently. One is Crossley in a small Wiltshire village. It Criterion carpet, which retails has recently been refurbished, at about £1.75 a square yard. It is a soft cord of Rayon and Nylon, and comes in 21 colours. The range includes shades which are as near as possible childproof, degproof, and mudproof. This carpet is tough enough for stairs yet soft under bare feet in the bedroom.

A more luxurious carpet, perhaps for the sitting room, is Kosset Panorama, the cheapest shag carpet I have seen. At about 52.90 a square yard, it is foam backed and can be bought in widths of 12ft and 15ft.

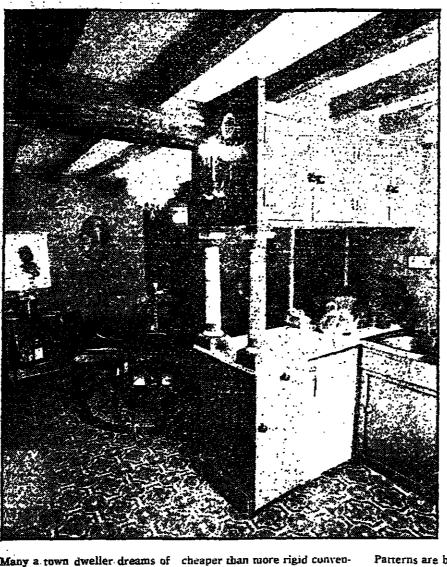
Where a hard flooring is needed, sheet vinyl is a good choice. It is easy to lay and very flexible. I particularly like an Italian tile range, called Accotone, and have used it in many kitchens. From Armstrong, it costs £1.68 a square yard. Another favourite is a Dunlop vinyl floor tile called Aristo crat. It is self-stick and costs \$3.47 a square yard. Remember to put down a hardboard underlay if the floor is poor.

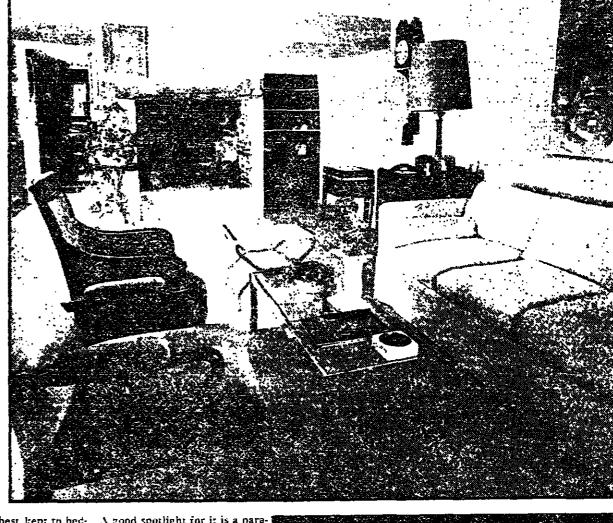
Now on to walls: In most old cottages they tend to undulate, and for this reason I prefer to see them in a matt or slightly shimmering paint that enhances the shape of the room and any enough to have. A gloss paint makes the lumps show. Vymura has a new range called Colour Sheen that retails at £1.74 a litre, enough to cover 14 square yards. It is very hardy, and there are 24 colours. Another favourite .. The kitchen area has ample of mine is Berger's Colorizer work space. The units were made range. There are 324 colours to to measure in chipboard by a choose from in gloss, undercoat,



Alhambra, a new pattern in cushioned vinyl flooring from Armstrong, retailing at £2.56 a square yard.

#### The 1974 style for that place in the country





Patterns are best kept to bedrooms. Vinyls are tough and the new patterns of Vymura and Storeys are very good—but stretch the way old-fashioned wallpaper does, and on uneven walls you may get gaps. A good tip is to line the wall horizontally. If your wall covering has a dark background, try to find a lining paper to match. In old houses avoid striped patterns:

nothing ever lines up. Windows in old cottages can look caravanish with mini currains which also cut out the light. I favour blinds. There is a fairly new range called Plain Jane. made by Sander-Shade, which is available in most big stores. For what they offer, they are inexpensive; prices vary according to the size of window. There is a choice of five colourways

and a range of decorative trims. Good lighting is another essential. British Home Stores do top-rate tracking that will take up to six spotlights. In one metre lengths, it sells for £2.99. and returns next week.

A good spotlight for it is a para bollic at £3.25. The perfect complement is a dimmer, control from the same firm at 43.75. With the addition of antique lamps from that local junk shop, you can change the lighting effects as you please.

With the old furniture you either have or want to buy. modern steel and glass furniture can go very well. Available through Littlewoods mail order catalogue is an elegant dining table, chrome framed with a smoked glass top at £49.95. Dining chairs to match with padded seats and backs in ivory vinyl are £26.95 each, delivery

Finally, a word about mat-tresses. The conventional sort can become damp when not used continuously, and a foam one is a better idea. Dunlop do a good three-footer at £17.50. For added luxury, try a continental quilt, synthetic at £15.50 and also damp resistant.

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Cricket

# Somerset have edge over Indians thanks to Cartwright and Taylor

Бу John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

TAUNTON: Somerset have a first innings lead of 74 over the Indians. It did both sides credit yesterday It did both sides credit yesterday that on another viciously cold day they were able to provide, until the rain set in soon after 3.30, plenty of entertaining cricket. That Somerset hold the advantage is due mainly to a partnership of 81 between Cartwright and Taylor, which gives them more of a lead than they had looked like getting during the morning.

Those who had the misfortune to spend the winter warching football, by day and night, will say that it was never more bleak and draughty was never more obeat and traughty than it was at Taunton now. There was pleasure, all the same, from seeing the Indian spinners at work. Of the mree of them Prasanna was the best, Chandrasekhar the most the best, Chandrasekhar the most handicapped. On the deck of a trawler in the North Sea Chandrasekhar could hardly have looked more utterly wretched. As a wrist spinner he missed the feeling in his fingers more than the others.

Prasanna has lost a stone or more traveled to the feeling in the feeling in his fingers more than the others. Prasarra has lost a stone or more since we saw him last, in India. He looked as though he was on the way out then, but in yesterday's wind he made the ball hang and wobble, as the best off spinners have a way of doing, and as against Parks, when he had him leg-before, he turned the odd one just enough. This has been a notable match for the old-timers. I count Pra-

Close, who in fact was leb-before to the third ball yesterday morning, and Cartwright, whose 68 has been by some way the top score of the match, and Parks, who made 34 with more freedom than anyone. For old time's sake Parks hit Prasanna high over extra cover for four, a stroke that has brought him a wonderful lot of his 35,000 runs. Only Cowdrey and M. J. K. Smith, who are playing today have made more runs than that.

Vivian Richards, from Antigua, played an innings that had the same sort of effect as an express train roaring through a station; it was soon over but caused quite a

same sort of effect as an express train roaring through a station; it was soon over but caused quite a commotion. He had only four balls, misbooking the first, from Chandrasekhar, for a single; playing a marvellous on drive off the second, from Abid, and another, rather less perfect, off the third, before playing on to the fourth as he tried to crash it through the covers. To watch either Richards bat this year could be a lot of fun. This one, now of Somerset, was last seen playing some spectacular strokes against MCC for the Leeward Islands in February.

When Parks was leg-before, somerset had lost six wickets in 85 minutes for 71 runs. It looked like being a close thing for the lead. But Cartwright and Taylor made their stand, with Cartwright playing some fine strokes through the covers, and the wind got at the Indian spinners, so that in the end Somerset's last four wickets made not many fewer than their first six.

As he has a knack of doing, Abid had picked up a couple of useful wickets; but it is on their spin bowlers that India, in the Test matches, are bound to pin their hopes. Yesterday they would have finished off the job sooner than they did against most sides—Somerset bar farther down the order than many—and on a faster pitch. This one had lost some of its bounce on the first day, which is not to say that the Indians, if the weather is fine, will find it a simple match to save. It was no great blow to them yesterday that the last two hours and a half were lost; in the conditions as thy were they could easily enough have lost three or four wickets to Cartwright and the rest.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-63, 3-70, 4-112, 5-13, 6-123, -135, 8-216, 9-245, 10-249. BOWLING: Abid Ali, 20—4—59—2: Solks. 6—1—10—0: Chandraethar, 19—3—12—2: Venhataraphyan, 24.2—8—49—1; Prasanar, 26—7—59—4. for the old-timers. I count Pra-made not many fewer than their sanna, at 34, as one of these: and first six.

Unroires: W. E. Alley and D. J. Cons

#### Greenidge sustains Hampshire

LORD'S: Middlesex, with seven second innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs ahead of Hampshire. Hampshire were bowled out for 233, 67 behind, in the eighty-fourth over, soon after half-past three. Middlesex began badly when they batted again, but ended in much the stronger position; the pitch is giving some help to the bowlers, especially the quicker ones.

It was Greenidge who sustained the Hampshire innings. He was sixth out, at 208, scoring 117 out of 192 on the day. His most effective stroke was the on drive, often to the short boundary on the Mound the but once to receive to long side, but once toweringly to long on, on the other. This stroke was made off the bowling of Edmonds, and it was Edmonds who had, unand it was famones who had, un-characteristically, dropped him at leg slip early in the day. Otherwise Greenidge was rarely in trouble, but if he had not stayed Hampshire would have been. Some of the strokes of the other batsmen were on the vague side (what the philosopher Green calls "wafts") and only Jesty, who is developing into a useful middle order batsman, provided much support.

Middlesex took eight points on the first innings to Hampshire's time. There is a new system for

three. There is a new system for these first innings points, or bonus points as they are colloquially

called. Four points are obtainable for batting, and four for bowling, over a span of 100 overs. The batting side gets a point for 150 runs, and another for every 50 runs thereafter. The bowling side gets a point for taking three wickets, and another for every two wickets thereafter. The first innings of each side is limited to 100 overs, though the side batting second may each side is limited to 100 overs, though the side batting second may take up any spare overs if they have bowled their opponents out in less. The stupefyingly tedious and complicated nature of these changes, just as we were beginning to get to grips with the last lot, needs no emphasis from me.

We have, however, been given an extra balf-hour's play on the first two days of championship games, in order to have sufficient games. In order to have sunctions time to work them out. I presume this is the reason for the extra half-hours, for I can see no other. Well, if you have followed me closely thus far, you will see that Middlesex, by taking eight points on the first innings, have achieved the maximum now rossible. the maximum now possible.

the maximum now possible.

When they went in again, they lost Smith at one, Featherstone at 12, and Brearley at 13. Both Röberts and Herman were bowling well, and the balance of the match wobbled for a few overs. Radley kept his head, and continued to look in form. But the match was really swung back towards Middle-

called. Four points are obtainable sex by young Gomes, who had for batting, and four for bowling, equalled his highest champlomship over a span of 100 overs. The bat-score by the close. His off-driving ting side gets a point for 150 runs, was a delight. He and Radley put on more than a hundred, and some distinguished batting will be necessary if the champions are going to start their season with a win, or even if they are to avoid a loss.

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1. G. Featherstone, 1-b-w, b Roberts

1. M. Scarley, b Roberts

1. T. Radley, not out

2. A. Gomes, not out

2. Extras (b 4, 1-b 4, n-b 5) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-13 HAMPSHIRE; First Innings HAMPSHIRE: First Indus;
A. Richards. b Selvey
G. Greenidge, 1-b-w. b Jones
R. Turner, 1-b-w. b Jones
M. C. Gilliat, c Radier, b Gomes
V. Lewis, c Radier, b Selvey
F. Jesty, b Tirmus
J. Salansburg, 1-b-w, b Tirmus
N. S. Taylor, 1-b-w, b Selvey
R. Stephenson, c Murray, b Selvey
S. Herman, c Murray, b Selvey
M. E. Roberts, not our
Exters (1-b-1, n-b-2)

Total (83.3 overs) ... BOWLING: Scivey, 23.3-3-97-5.

Jones, 19-8-40-2; Gomes, 4-115-1: Titunus, 24-5-49-2; Edmonds, 21-1-25-0 Bonus points: Middlesex 8, Hampshire 3 Umpires: A. E. Fagg and P. B. Wight.

Derbyshire v Sussex

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Hill, a Greenidge, b Watter

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J. D. Motley, b-ww b Hendrick
G. A. Greenlage, b-low b Miller
P. J. Graves, Taylor, b Russell
A. W. Griffith, c Rowe, b Russell
J. A. Snow, c Page, b Russell
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First landings
M. J. Harris, c. Fletcher, b. Boyce
R. A. White, rice our
D. W. Randish, d. McEwan, b. Boyce
M. Smadley, 1-b-a, b. Turner
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M. C. Latchman, c. East, b. Turner
M. C. Latchman, c. East, b. Turner
M. C. Latchman, c. East, b. Turner
M. C. Miklinson, c. Smith, b. Turner
D. A. Pullan, not out
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#### Oxford U v Warwick

AT OXFORD
Warnickshire test Oxford University WARWICKSHIRE: First lunings, 221 for 4 dec U. A. Jameson 115).

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 3-50, 3-52, -65, 5-72, 6-52, 7-103, 5-106, 9-103. BOWLING: Syster, #-1-34-3; Khan, 4-4-36-5; Furndon, 16-2-23-1. OAFORD UNIVERSITY FIRST Innings
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K. Barrett, c. Humpage, b. Brown
B. Jarrett, c. Humpage, b. Brown
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1—(3, 3—15, 3—20, 100, 5—10), 5—100, 5—101, 3—101,

BOWLING: Wills, 14-5-34-1: Brown, 17-15-4-2; Lewing-los, 5-5-25-0; Bourne, 9-2-51-3. Scool (namps
R. Northcote Green, 1-b-z, b. Brown
B. Fisher, Smith, b. Willis
K. Hoaket, d. Smith, b. Willis
K. Hoaket, d. Brown
Waller, c. Hermings, b. Writs
W. Jarrett, c. Hampson, b. Brown
R. Tranketzt, b. Willis
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Editor, c. C. Hermings, b. A. Smith
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Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 3-0, 3-4,
-5, 5-5, 6-5, -7, 8-11, 9-39, 10-84,
BOWLING: Willis, 9-5-4, Brown,
A. Smith, 4-1-1, Househog,
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Umpires : R. Aspisali and R. Jalian

Judo

#### Starbrook claims he was 'kicked' out of semi-final

Britain's hopes of a gold medal start to the three-day European Judo championships ended with a surprise defeat for David Starbrook, in the light-hezvyweight class at Crystal Palace yesterday. Starbrook, the 28-year-old Stockwell schoolmaster who won an Olympic sliver medal, was beaten by Goran Zuvela, an unrated Yugoslavian, in a controversial semi-final. The Yugoslavian took the contest with a koka, which is the narrowest possible points decision, but Zuvela's alleged unsporting tactics enraged the British competitor and brought bowls of derision from a

The trouble was not confined only to the met, for as the two competitors came to the exit tunnel, they clashed and officials broke up a melee.

"He called me a pig during the contest and he just would not stop kicking me", said Starbrook as his badly scarred right leg was examined by Dr Kenneth Kingsbury, the British team doctor. Starbrook was in such a bad way that he was advised to go to hospital for a

check up.

Competitors are allowed to ankle swing but not kick. The Yugoslavian's heavy leg tactics, however seemed to go unnoticed by the referee. Starbrook's defeat cut short a flue run in which he had accounted for Jaroslev Sistek (Czechoslovakia), Fernando Fiochetti (Italy), Amiran Meuzaev (Soviet Unlon) and Eduard Aellig (Spain).

HIDDLEWEIGHT: Semi-final round.

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HISSR: Rever (Poland) best B. Gogo-lary (USSR). LIGHT-HEATYWEIGHT: Semi-final kept them away last year, the Scots and the Weish have returned to the finals with six boxers from Scots HEAVYWEIGHT: Semi-final committee of the finals with six boxers from Scots and four from Wales up lend and four from Wales up lend and four from Wales up lend and four from Scots four Scots of Edman (Netherlands) hear v. The most sentimental with he

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out; E. J. W. Jackson, 23—9-62-0
M. Field, 14—101—1; D. Russell, 22—
5-56-1. M. W. Brooker, 2—17-0;
R. Fleming, 13—3-49—1.1 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Instings
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I. J. Myrrills, c. Hurton, b. Roberson 15
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M. Field, b. Carne FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—20, 3— 21, 4—17, 5—18, 6—5.

21.4-11, 3-12, 0-5.

BOWLING: Old, 17-6-31-3; Robinson, 16-10-14-2; Runton, 6-2-7-1; Copc. 22.3-11-45-2; Carick, 7-3-8-2.

Notts v Essex

FALL OF WICKETS; 1—10. 2—10. 3—36. 4—37, 5—106, 6—119.

Boxing

#### Buchanan has his eyes on another world title

Boxing Correspondent Ken Buchanan, who won the European lightweight title for Britain with a sixth round knockout of Antonio Puddu, of Italy, in Sardinia on Wednesday evening, may next aim for the World Boxing Council's version of the world title held by Guts Ishimatsu of Janan.

Japan.

Buchanan's father said after the victory over Puddu, which gave Britain the European title at 9st 9lb for the first time since Dave Charnley in 1960, that they had heard that the WBC had ordered Ishimatsu to defend his championship against Buchanan. In 1972 Buchanan lost the World Boxing Association's version of the title to Roberto Duran, of Panama. Duran has in the past refused to Duran has in the past, refused to meet Buchanan in a return match

except in his own country. Buchanan may not box again until September.
Buchanan, who proved in Sar-Buchanan, who proved in Sar-dinis that there is no need to worry about Continental judging and refereeing if you can hit hard enough, was ABA featherweight champion in 1965. That is a thought worth recalling this evening at the Empire Pool, Wembley, where the amateur championships, first held in 1831, will be stored amateur championships, first held in 1831, will be staged.

Apart from a "naughty" few, who may be thinking of turning professional straight away, the finalists have the two carrors of the European under-21 championships in Russia next month and the first world championships in Cuba next August. Though a dispute teart them away last year, the Scots

closely following the fortunes of Terry Waller at welterweight as he attempts to win his fifth ABA title. He was lightweight champion in 1967, light-welterweight winner in 1972, and took the welterweight title in 1970 and 1973. Only three others, the heavyweight Pat Floyd (now the publisher of The Times), and the former Olympic champions Harry Mailin (middleweight) and Dick McTaggart (lightweight), have won five ABA titles. In the last century J. Steers won six titles, but in those formative years a

last century J. Steers won six titles, but in those formative years a boxer could compete in more than one weight.

Waller's opponent this evening is Errol McKenzie, a slim young man, born in Jamaica, who won a silver medal for Wales in the Christchurch Commonwealth Games. McKenzie can move fast, but he was less impressive than Waller in the semi-final round and may find the 23-year-old Londoner too strong for him.

Both the youngest and the lightest champion could be Charlie Magri, from east London, who is the favourine against John Chester in the light-flyweight final. Magri is only 17. But four of the 22 finalists are 18 and two others 19, so there is plenty of promising talent to be seen. Apart from Waller, the defending champions are Billy Knight at light-heavy-weight and Roger Maxwell at light-middleweight, though last year's feather-weight champion, John Lynch, makes a challenge at light-weight. Knight and the heavy-weight Neville Meade won gold medals in the Commonwealth Games.

Finalists: Light-lyweight: C. Magri For the Chester for M. O'Soulican T.

Games.

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# by Rowe in his first county game

Good start

Lawrence Rove, the West Indian Test player, made his maiden half century for Derbyshire yesterday. It was only his second innings for It was only his second termings for them and put his county in a commanding position against Sussex at Derby. Rowe was unbeaten with 55 at the close with Derbyshire at 96 for one, standing 173 runs ahead.

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Russell, who was re-engaged this season after being sacked 18 months ago, took five for 75 on a wicket which occasionally behaved wicket which occasionally behaved unpredictably, as Sussex struggled to 218 all out in 98.1 overs. Griffith made 58 and figured in a stand of 64 with Graves before Russell took command, to earn his side four bowling points and a first innings lead of 77 runs.

Another West Indian Test player, veith Rosen agree Fester a great Keith Boyce, gave Essex a great chance of sealing a championship victory against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Trent Bridge.

Boyce captured four wickets for 38 and then hit a quick 38 in 40 minutes to rescue his side when their second innings was in danger Notinghamshire were dismissed for 204 and the total was almost entirely due to Smedley (70) and Hassan (53), who shared in a face-saving stand of 126.

Saving stand of 12b.
Essex with the help of Boyce and
Pont built a useful lead of 200 and
on the evidence of their first
innings, Nottinghamshire will be
stretched to gain any reward from
the match.

stretched to gain any reward from this match.

A ninth wicket stand of 28 by Botton, who went on to score 38 not out, and Stallbrass saved.

Oxford University from a place in the record books for the lowest ever score in first-class cricket. The lowest score of 12 is shared by Oxford in 1877 and Northamptonshire in 1907, and was in danger of being erased vesterday when of being erased yesterday when Oxford lost eight second innings wickers for 11 runs against War-

Brown and Willis took four wickets each before they were held up by Botton a freshman and Stallibrass. They took the score to 39 when Stallibrass was bowled by Bourne for four.

Source for four,

Siviter, another newcomer,
joined Botton in a partnership of 45
for the last wicket and Oxford
reached 34, before Siviter was
caught for 25. The pitch, affected
by overnight rain, was largely responsible for 26 wickets falling
during the day for 282 runs. Warwickshire won by 135 runs with a
day to spare. day to spare.

Cambridge University batted all day at Ferner's for only 177 runs and for the loss of 12 wickets. Such was their determination to hold our against Yorkshire that they lasted six hours against a concentrated county attack. They were all out first time for 110 and followed on 190 behind Yorkshire's declared total of 300 for six.

#### Lloyd accepts new contract

Clive Lloyd, Lancashire's West Indian Test player, is to stay with the county. His current contract ends in September, but he has Lancashire hope to agree to

Lancashire hope to agree to a further three-year contract after the West Indies tour in 1976, bringing his stay with the county to 11 years. Lloyd has agreed to a new one-year contract after tails with the Lancashire chairman. Cedric Rhoades.

Lancashire have signed a left-hand fast bowler who walked into the Old Trafford practice ground three weeks ago and asked for a trial. He is 23-year-old Jim Edmonds, who has previously confined his cricket to club matches in the Birmingham area.

Other match

Second XI competition

Today's cricket TAUNTON: Somerset v Indians (11.0 to 5.00 or 6.0).
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10.0 to 5.00.
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10.0 to 5.00.
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Rugby League

#### St Helens meet Leeds for place

St Helens, pipped at the post for the League leaders' title, fight for a place in the final of the Rugby League club championship trophy when they meet Leeds in tonight's semi-final. The two clubs started the season as joint favourites to win the first division. They were beaten to it by Salford, who were surprisingly eliminated in the playoff games by the second division champions, Bradford Northern. The winner of today's tie at Head ingley play the vinners of Sunday's Warrington and Wakeheld Trinity clash in the final on May 18. If the final is an ail-Yorkshire affair it will be held at Bradtord. If a Lancashire club is involved the game will be played at Wigan. Wastington, who meet Feather-stone in the challenge cup final at stone in the challenge cup final at Wembley on Saturday week, are strongly fancled to bear Wakefield this weekend. Aithough Wakefield have finished the season well, Alex Murphy, the Warrington player/coach, has named himself in the team squad and made it clear that any player seen "saving" himself for the final is likely to miss selection.

England's swimmers The England swimming team for the international meeting at Mul-house, France, on Levy 18-19 is: MEN: G. acchom. I. Rute. P. Lev. 8 Longia. S. France, D. Smith. G. Occide. S. France, D. Albanos. M. Crook. N. France, J. Green, F. Wente.

#### Tomorrow's FA Cup final

# Meeting of two mighty tributaries

#### Liverpool

The tradition

Since they became second division champions in 1894 Liverpool have left footprints all over the wet cement of football history. These tracks provide an interesting clue to the club's character. With Arsenal, Liverpool share the record of eight League championship victories. This year they are runners-up for the fourth time.

In contrast, this is only their fifth FA Cup final and they have won the trophy only once. Similarly, in European competition Liverpool have now played 10 consecutive seasons with only one success (the Uefa Cup last year). It is undoubtedly easier to win the FA Cup—four victories at home and two on neutral grounds will do it—than the league title. The Cup sprint is itself a kind of elation. The championship is one with stamina and a shout heart.

The Followers

To describe the spectators who make up the Antield Kop as "followers" is to underestimate the most warm-hearted, most perceptive and unquestionably the funniest quorum to be found on any terrace in the country. The Kop is essentially part of Liverpool Football Club, its heart bear as well as its voice.

Twenty-eight thousand people constitute this imposing mass. Even the remotest, sufft above ground level, remains intuitively in touch with the feelings and intentions of the whole body. Their choruses have wit, point and a deceptive air of spontaneity. Like all the best performing artists they are constantly renewing their repertoire.

constantly renewing their repertoire.

After Liverpool had bearen
Leeds United in a league match at
Anfield this season, Phil Thompson asked the Leeds centre half,
Gordon McQueen, if he had seen
the Kop when Liverpool scored.

"He admitted", says Thompson,
"that he had a little peep." The
telling of the story leaves no doubt
about the Liverpool players'
evaluation of their 13th man.

The manager

It is difficult to think of Liverpool without thinking of Bill Shankiy, the club's manager since December 1959. It is even more difficult to distinguish between the Shankiy of the legends which surround him and the real Shankly. Over the years they have grown closer until now perhaps they are one and the same. now perhaps they are one and the same.

Mr Shankly does not suffer fools gladly and since he tends to include in that category anyone who disagrees with him about football, his relationships are not without stormy patches. But Mr Shankly is above all a leader, a man of vision and principle, all-consumingly devoted to a cause.

The strengths
As we have seen, Liverpool are
well led, exuberantly supported
and sufficiently experienced not to
be frightened by the prospect of
success. Their watchwords are simplicity, fitness and concentration.
From the time a player joins the
club he is taught that over-elaboration is mortal sin. His instructions
at the first sign of difficulty are to ation is mortal sin. His instructions at the first sign of difficulty are to pass to the nearest red shirt.

Obviously, all footballers are fit, but Liverpool's are super fit. How else could Ian Callaghau, the football writers' new Footballer of the Year, remain sharp and eager after more than 650 games? Thirty-two last month, Callaghan has missed only one first team match since Liverpool were at Wembley three



oe Harvey, the Newcastle United manager, points out a few places of interest at Wembley to one of his young players, Alan Kennedy.

Wembley on FA Cup final day represents the mainstream of English football. Tomorrow it will be fed by two of its mightiest tributaries: Liverpool from Merseyside and Newcastle United from Tyneside. Both clubs have a tradition of success, both have a hoard of passionate followers, both have long-serving managers. Previewing the final in these terms, and assessing the strength and weaknesses of the teams, Gerald Sinstadt looks at Liverpool and Gerry Harrison looks at Newcastle.

The potential match winner The reasons why Liverpool have scored only 51 goals in 41 Leagne games this season are not hard to find. Stephen Heighway, despite his speed and control, has not developed the instinct of the season of the research has not developed to the season of the

executioner. John Tosback has not enjoyed the regular selection that might have given him confidence. Christopher Lawler, who scores more often than a full back has the right to expect, has missed over half the season with the first big injury of his carper.

In the circumstances, the con-tinuing excellence of Kevin Keegan tinuing excellence of Kevin Keegan becomes truly remarkable. From his earliest days at Scunthorpe, Keegan looked first division material but when others hestitude it was Mr Shankly who gave him the chance. Liverpool's reward is a player of enthusiasm, courage, pace and inventiveness. Few others could have scored the goal that beat Peter Shilton in the semi-final replay. No one will doubt Keegan's ability to do something similar in the final.

The weaknesses

To look for shortcomings in a team which has come close to retaining the league championship and now attempts to add the FA Cup to last year's Uefa Cup victory might seem presumptions. Bill Shankly would describe it more bluntly.

Nevertheless, this season's scoring record could hardly be called impressive. The frequent rotation of Toshack, Philip Boersma and Alan Waddle in the No. 10 shirt indicated that the search for Roger Hunt's successor has not been adequately resolved. Tommy Smith has had brilliant Tommy Smith has had brilliam games at right back but he depends considerably on the energetic covering of Brian Hall

#### Newcastle

The Tradition

Old tradition is certainly behind Newcastle, but a long, long way behind, they will tell you on Merseyside. Newcastle bave won the cup six times and only Aston Villa can better that. This will be Newcastle's lith Cup Final, a record; they have not been beaten in four Wembley appearances, and in the 50s the cup was in their hands three times in five years. However, 19 years out of the Wembley spotlight has grown mildew on their sparkling traditions. Indeed, until this year another had taken root, 13 years without going beyond the fourth round of the cup, making an unfortunate habit of losing to non-league clubs and sundry no-hopers. The record books are open once again. The final will be United's tenth match in this year's competition, and if they win they will be the first to do so without officially winning a home game. Old tradition is certainly behind

The Followers

For the first time Liverpool's vast behind-the-goal team will meet stiff vocal opposition. In the Hills-borough semi-final tie Newcastle's supporters beat Burdley's by an estimated 2—1 in numbers, 4—1 in noise. At Gallowgate, 35,000 had queued all night for the 12,000 ticket allocation and then travelled to Burnley to queue for their allocation. On Tyneside, black market Cup Final tickets are fetching ridiculous sums as much. if ing ridiculous sums, as much, if not more, than on Merseyside. Newcastle's supporters have a style of their own and the refresh-ing "Blaydon Races" will be wel-come at Wembley. It has been in

The manager
Joe Harvey captained Newcasie
in the two consecutive Cup Final
yictories in the 50s and, if United
beat Liverpool, he will become the
hirst man to win the cup as player
and manager of the same club. A
craggy Yorkshireman, aged 55.
who over the years has become
more of a Geordie than most of
the passionate locals, with rose
growing as a hobby and a habit of
picking up bargains on the transfer
market. Manager since 1962, he
took over the club in the second
division, £100,000 in the red,
achieving promotion in three years.
Since then he has rebuilt the staff
—and the ground—steadily. New-The manager and the ground—steadily. New-castle won the Fairs Cup in 1969, but natil recently Mr Harvey has been more successful as a player than a manager, although highly respected at all levels of the game.

The strengths

Simply because of the qualities of some of their players, Newcastle are capable of the best in attacking football. Centrally in defence they are strong; but in midfield they have the players to enjoy and to exploit any of Wembley's alleged spaces. Smith, McDermort and Hitbitt are all good passers of the ball, particularly Hitbitt, whose accuracy with the long pass is ourstanding, and whose industry demands reactions from players around him. Indor and Macdonald have been called the best combination of goal scorers in the country, entirely different in style and makeup, entirely complementary in contribution. Not to be discounted is their lighting spirit and lock. In almost every round of the cup United's cause seemed lost yet, one way or another, they survived, creating a breezy confidence that this is Newcastle's year.

The potential match winner

The potential match winner

Macdonald, the Mohammad Air of English football, has ability of English football, has ability which carches the eye and a mouth which assails the ear, all part of Macdonald's 10-year plan to pur him on the top. Agreeably arrogant, he knows what he wants and takes advice from people he respects. He played 96 games in one season for Toubridge, got a transfer from Fulhsm by threatening to punch John Haynes on the nose, and went from Luton to Newcastle because he was advised that Tyneside was desperate for a goal side was desperate for a goal scorer and a character, and he could fit both bills if he tried hare could fir both bills if he tried hard enough. He is direct, unorthodox with lightning acceleration, a powerful runner with a preference for his left foot and the left side of the field. But the rest of his armoury is not to be suffed at He has scored in every round o the competition so far, always away from Newcastle.

United are probably the most inconsistent team in the first divi sion, one reason why their cut record recently has been so poot and why they made such hard work of beating weaker sides in the earlier rounds, requiring replays surprisingly, against Hendon an Scinthorpe. They are an attacking side who rely sometimes too muc sole who rely sometimes too muc.
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#### Tennis

# undervalued,

Liverpool were at Wembley three years ago.

specialists say From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Montreal, May 2

Bob Hewitt has been winning distinguished doubles championships for more than a decade. He vaguely recalls that he and Fred Stolle "probably got about £25 each (and that was a voucher)" when they first won Wimbledon in 1962. "We were tickled pink, not just abour winning, but abour the £25. Now tennis players won't even blow their noses for £25." In the next four days Hewitt and Frew McMillian could collect roughly £8,700 each by winning three matches in the World Championship Tennis doubles play-off series, sponsored by Rothmans.

That may seem excessive. But the eight pairs in action have had to play consistently well for three months in order to qualify for the rip to Montreal: and, as Hewitt points out, on the WCT circuit each man in the winning doubles partnership earns only 9 per cent of the prize money awarded to the singles winner. "Each doubles winner should get 30 to 40 per cent of what the singles winner gets. We have the same expenses as the guy who makes the singles final and more often than not the doubles finals are better than the singles final and more often than not the doubles finals are better than the singles final and land more often than not the doubles finals are better than the singles final and the complex finals are better than the singles final and the singles finals. I worked out that I had I a make an average of \$900 (about £390 a week) to come out square. That means winning the doubles, with the singles faking care of the 30 per cent tax. We have only got this one tournament that is recognizing doubles. But it is better than none. I do not care who the runners-up are, as long as we win."

Owen Davidson, John Newcombe's partner, is another competitor who reckons doubles prowess is undervalued. "At some stage in any tournament the most popular match is a men's doubles geme: and that next, year WCT are to put more money into doubles. Firest Rounco: Ash and Tenney Cale and Mingers: But these and other doubles game: and that next, year WCT are to put more money into doubles.

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#### Football

#### Doubles prowess | Mercer calls up Weller to ioin England tour party

Joe Mercer, England's "care-taker" manager, yesterday called the Leicester City captain Ketch Weller into the England squad. Weller replaces Alan Ball of Arsenal who broke a leg playing against Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday.

recommend their choice to the Executive Committee.

The six men are the FA chairman Sir Andrew Stephen, the vice-chairman Professor Sir Harold Thompson, the Football League president Mr Leu Shipman, and direc club directors, Brian Mears (Chelsea), Dick Wragg (Sheffield United) and Bert Millichip (West Bromwich).

Guardian.

Sir Air's feelings on the club v is impossible to do otherwise ", he country dispute appear in the latest issue of the FA Nows. He also states: " I do not conerds what was probably the last article he wrote as England's team be the time to experiment with manager, in storming fashion. " It several comparative newcomers."

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OTHER MATCHES: Brighton v London V (7.50). Southern V (7.50). 
RUGBY LEAGUE: Guiltus discontinuities, 
being only find: count (7.50).

against Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday.

Mercer also called up another Leicester player, Steve Whitworth, to replace the injured Locke of Chelsea in the Under-25 tour squad. Weller, who has yet the play for England, will be considered for the British championship, the friendly against Argentina at Wembley on May 22, and the summer tour to East Germany, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

May 22, and the summer tour to East Germany, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

Weller Joined Leicester from Chelsea for £100,000 in September, 1971. Originally a striker, he has been converted into one of the most dynamic midfield men in the League, since moving to Filbert Street.

Whitworth played his first League game in 1970 and has since won two Under-23 caps.

This month's tour is to Turkey, Yugoslavia and France.

The six men who recommended Sir Alf Ramsey's sacking as England team manager will decide on his successor. The Football Association are to advertise the post and the six men sub-committee formed in February to look into the intereof English International football will sift through the candidates, interview leading applicants and then recommend their choice to the Executive Committee.

The advertisement appears in to-day's Times and next Monday's Guardian.



Keith Weller . . . dynamic mid

is ludicrous that any international team manager should not have available a team of full strength. I find it difficult to believe that any other national activity—sport, art, political—at home or abroad would tolerate this state of affairs!

In the recent goalless draw in Portugal, Sir Alf was forced to field six new players because of more experienced players withdrawing from his party. "If a national team consists of less than a minimum seven or eight recognized will international players." nized full international players, I suggest that the paying customer has a legitimate complaint, unless the circumstances are such that it

Binney signs

Brighton completed the signing of Fred Stuney from Exeter City
yesterday. A fee of £25,000 and
the Brighton players, John
Templeman and Lammie Robert son, were involved.

Brighton's assistant manager,
Peter Taylor, said: "When I told

pleted, he said he was delighted and that the plans for a promotion bid next season are building up just as we hoped." Binney, 26, is this season's joint top Football League marksman with 31 goals. Brighton have signed 10 new players at a total cost of £200,000 since Mr Clough and Mr Taylor joised the club last November.

Brian Clough the deal was com-

#### McGrath's rise to fame

rewarded Christopher McGrath's starthing is to fame with Tottenham Hospur this season was rewarded yt terday when he was included the Northern Ireland party for the month's home international tounament. McGrath, 19, has marapid progress since making in october and has become established member of a side which has reached the Uefa Cup final. McGrath, a striker, is expect to play first against Scotland Hampden Park on Saturday wet. The only other newcomer is t 27-year-old Glanavon central of fender, Hugh Dowd, captain Northern Ireland's amateur into national party. He is expected ion either Luton Town or Cel when the series is over. The Ne casile full, back, Craig, had withdraw because of an elbow jury and Neill has again omit Derek Dougan of Wolverhampt who will be working in televisitor the series.

The Northern Ireland party it he home internationals is: P. Ichanna (Tottenham Hotspar), W. Fini (Newcartia Umited), P. Rice (Ariet S. Nelson (Arsent), L. O'Kane (Notinal) Foresti, A. Hannier (Dewich Town), E. D. (Glearwon), D. Cleacairs (Everton) teorier, and the continuistant Foresti, E. Hannier (Town), T. Laskigo (Newcatta), T. Casady (Newcatta), T. Anderson (Manchester Unit (Artica) (Min.), W. O'Nelli (Newcatta), C. McGrath (Townsham Hotspar), C. McGrath (Townsham Hotspar), C. McGrath (Townsham Hotspar)

Summerbee will miss first two matches

Michael Summerbee, of M chester City, will miss the f two matches next season. He appealed yesterday agains caution in the Everton game April 2 which brought his portotal to 12, but the FA disciplin commission in Sheffield decidate the booking should stand. He has also lodged an apragainst a booking in the mawith Queen's Park Rangers March 16, and this is due to heard in London next week.

#### Celtic's injured recover in time for final

Celtic left for Seamill, in A shire, yesterday to prepare for Scotrish Cup final with Dun United tomorrow. The goalkest Denis Commaghan, who was sating from influenza, and the n field player. Steve Murray, thad a sore throat, have recove and are included in the party 17 after missing the past league matches.

The 17 players are: Connagh Humer, McGrain, Brogan, Mun McNeill, McCluskey, Hay, K steve. Dalgish, Deans, Ht Lennox, Callaghan, Davidi Quinn, Wison.

# First royal classic win for 16 years | American challenges

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

The Queen, sparing an hour or two from her hectic day in day two from her hectic day in day two from her hectic day in day offers during the whole time—Bitty for and Gentle Thoughts in the terday to see her fills, Highelere win the 1,000 Guineas. This will have been a result she will savour, because she also bred Highelere, Following Carrotza's victory in the home. Ringing days a challenge

rame way that her sire, Queen's run here tomorrow in the Pretty Hussar, did.

Polly Stakes. If she wins her race
They certainly induced her to run well, Escorial is likely to carry the
much more freely than she ever did Queen's hopes and those of count-

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in dire straits on the rumer-up.

of 16 years.

Cheers were ringing round Newmarket Heath after the judge had called the result, but it was a devilishly close affair, and it was by only the width of her nostrii that Highelere held the favourite, Polygamy, at bay.

Next came Mrs Tiggywinkle, four lengths behind, and she was followed by Always Fatthful, Celestial Dawn and Lady Tan, in that order. The race was run at a brisk gallop from the outset, although the time was not a fast one. After weeks of watering, the course had been softened by rain which fell during the early hours of the day.

With hindsight there are grounds for thinking that the result was affected not so much by the bump which Polygamy received from Mrs Tiggywinkle in the dip, as the last named thred and hung to her left, as by the decision—apparently taken weeks ago—to put blinkers on Highelere in the belief that she would respond to them in much the same way that her sire, Queen's run here tomorrow in the Pretty Hussar, did.

at Changley eight days later.

Polygamy is unlikely to be seen again before her next big date, but if it is felt that Highclerc needs another race she may well be sent to France to carry the royal colours at Longchamp on May 36 in the Prix St Alary, even though that race is a mini classic in itself.

is a mini classic in itself.

The breeding of the first and the second yesterday—they were wastly superior to the others in the end—will imrigue pundits. Highelere is the result of a mating between Queen's Hussar—a horse inbred to Phalaris—and Highlight, a mare inbred to Hyperion, probably two of the most influential lines of modern times. This is a blend of fast blood, coming through the sire, and staying blood, from the female family.

That is Polygamy's background

blood, from the female family.

That is Polygamy's background as well. She is by another miler, Reform and out of a mare whose veins are brimful of strong blood. Similar thicking produced Roi Lear, the winner of the French Derby last year, and that makes me think with even greater contiction that Polygamy will stay the distance.

One final word No summany of

the distance.

One final word. No summary of pesterday's epic would be complete without referring to High-clere's trainer. Dick Hern. He produced Brigadier Gerrard to win the 2,000 Guineas here three years ago without a race beforehand, and now he has done it again. He is a master of his craft, but when there is only a short head in it at the line, as there

less others as well at Epsoni on June 8, leaving Highelere to run in the Prix de Diane (the French Oalss), run over a shorter distance at Chaotilly eight days later.

was vesterday, spare a thought for the connections of the runner up Peleid, Relay Race, and Buoy, the Chaotilly eight days later. in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury 13 days ago, are to renew rivalry at Newmarket today in the Jockey Club Stakes. Relay Race, the cause of the rift between Heary Cecil and his stable jockey.

Henry Cecil and his stable jockey. Greville Starkey, will be ridden by Lester Piggott this afternoon.

It was after Starkey had ridden Relay Race into third place in the closing stages of the John Porter Stakes that Cecil and his owner. Sir Reginald Macdonald-Buchanan, decided that it would be in the best interests of their horse to insist upon a change of jockey. Starkey regarded their decision as a vote of no confidence in him, and he said there and then it would be best for all concerned if he and Cecil went their separate ways.

The conditions of today's race certainly farour Relay Race, who came within a whisker of beating Owen Dudley in the Dante Stakes Owen Dudley in the Dante Stakes at York last May. Relay Race then finished sixth in the Derby, but he was badly farred after Epsom and did not run again as a three-year-old. He will be meeting Peleid on 6 lb better terms than he did at Newbury. Buoy will be meeting Relay Race on 3 lb worse terms, even though he finished three lengths behind him.

STATE OF GOING controls. Newmarket Good. Receiver: Good. Totacron: New castle. Good to time. Warnet: Steeple class. Firm: handles. Good to time.

#### Memories of 7st boy riders in rain-soaked breeches

By Brough Scott

At Newmarket yesterday, two at all favourably with the match-unknown teenage apprentices; William Barratt, and James Dairymple, rather than any of the great names who featured in five photo finishes, will take home the best and worst memories from yesterday.

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have a long way to go to compare at all favourably with the match-less skill that Joe Mercer showed on Highletere. But everyone has beautiful that Joe Mercer showed the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a second of the criticism levelled at them came from people who have never tried driving a sec who featured in five photo finishes, will take home the best and worst memories from yesterday.

Barratt, an 18-year-old from people who have never tried driving a powerful race house, and suprended to Staff Ingham, rode with the rails after he had Dalrymple, from Bernard and Dalrymple from Bernard and Dal

which had forced Major General d'Avigdor-Goldsmid's three-year old out of an unpromising position two furlongs from home.

At that distance in the apprentice handicap, it was obvious that Wovoka was going better than any of his 15 rivals, it was also clear that unless Dalrymple could put the helm over sharply there was going to be a severe collision inside him.

Although the worst sufferer was the favourite Elena La Paz, who only finished fourth, a disqualification was inevitable and the same colours, on Tudenham, was any with six winners since he came lucky in the first race. As in all large fields here, the runners had split into two groups, and Quizzical had been winning his race on the stands side for a long time, with his main rival, Brooke Holliday's Red God colt, Rubric, some 20 yards away over on the far rail.

For all Brian Taylor's efforts the photograph, showed, that Pubric

at the line. Goreham was also a close second in the next race, in the same colours, on Tudenham, and with six winners since he came over from Adelaide to ride for Denys Smith this season, he has shown himself both determined and adaptable.

#### Newmarket programme

|Television (IBA) 3.0. 3.30 & 4.0 races|

2.0 WILBRAHAM PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £690: 5f) 2.0 WILBRAHAM PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £690: 5f)

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2.30 TURN OF THE LANDS HANDICAP (£1,331: 13m) | 111 | 12224-0 | Aurice Young (CD) | Mir C. S. George, N. Cech. 293 | Francis (1) | 111-10-1 | Transpair (D) | (Dring of Norlock), I. Dunlop, S. J. Manchinson (S) | 1040-43 | Maxhanitan (D) | UNr. S. Peskind, C. Besrick, S-6-1 | P. William (C. Besrick), S. S. Sandon (G. Lewis (G. Lewi

3.0 HEATH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,297: 1m) 5-2 Chick, 100-50 Himswari, 11-2 Reuming Gree, 7-1 Hard Major Dille, 14-1 Aberdorn Lassic, 16-4 Flash, 20-1 Fast Motion. 3.30 JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (£4,120 : 14m)

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403 (5) 15130-9 Book (CD) CMr R. Hollingrouph, W. Hern, 44-5

407 (5) 0160-9 Jimon (6) Ohr C. Sileckwell, For Popes, 5-4-17

410 (2) 1100-6 Reformed Character (CD) CMr L. Hollingrouph

411 (1) 21101-6 Reformed Character (CD) CMr L. Hollingrouph

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4.0 CHEVINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: 5884: 5f) Stil Ci 1 Overcown (CD), Sir H. Lengton, Dong Small, 43 .... E. Eldin (b) (i) 1 Atrium (D) Odr. J. Bloomfieldt, G. Peter-Hoblyn, 94 .... J. Lindley

4.30 CULFORD PLATE (3-y-o: £690: 11m)

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Bow Venture Ort V. Randy, Dong Sankh, 9-0

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200-14 Ballydamer Ort J. Borbert, A. Courell, 9-0

8-10 Candentino Ort F. Sassey, D. Sasse, 9-0

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10-14 Rammar (Mr. J. Philingfer), J. Courell, 9-0

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4.50 NEWMARKET WHIP (£200 : 2m) 90551-1 Arisain (CD) (Sir R. Mardonald-Buthanan), H. Cecal, 5-9-9 ..... Walks over

#### Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 S2ky, 2.30 Man Kind, 3.0 Himawari, 3.30 Relay Race, 4.0 Overtown, 4.30 Royal Aura. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 S1ky, 2.30 Man Kind, 3.0 Flashy, 3.30 Relay Race, 4.0 Overtown, 4.30 Scarletville.

Wve NH

2.15: 1. DJEBWAY (5-4 fgr): 2. Rocky-mont (7-2); 7. Lord Bing (7-2). 4 rap. Flower Day did not run.

245: J. BE NICE C-1 favi; L. Cruncin Last -D: S. Eskimo Maid C-D: 6 ran. Phillidon gid not run

Finances of a net time

FIS: 1. TUDOR FREINDSHIP (20-1)

2. Scribers (4-1). 3. Cingalose (5-1). 12 ran

Roral Wish and Sorrel Horse (1-4); favy.

3.45 . 1. CHANCE & LOOK (9-4 fav): 2 Mister Hapsburg (7-1); 3. The Weavy Fria (4-1). 7 ran.

4.15 : 4. FLYING TUDOR (5-2) : 2. Packet G-1 fuv) : 3. Kelly's Image (5-1). 9 ran

4.45: 1. ROMPALONG 94-11: 2. Celtie View (5-4 fav): 3. Gallie Rebel (23-3) 4 ran

5.30 . 1. SECOND HAND (7-4 fav.) 2. Grey Leader (6-1) 3. Hesbirgan (5-1) 13 fam.

4.9. 1. VINROM (\$-15. ). Cum Bleddin (12-1). 3. Charlee Lad (11-4) - Ton.

For Cole, J. STANHOPE STREET (John) C. For Cole, J. Jam's Par (2017) Con. Journal of the Coler, National did not run.

1560 I. MENEHALI, 164 (2011). Twelth Night 18-11: Pranct Eleigh (1-1) 15 ran. Mandrill did not run. Courser withdrawn.

8.9; 1, OSCINES C-1 it favo: 2, Kelly 1 Last (9-2); 3, Commarket C-1 it favo 12 fan.

There are 183 second acceptors

for the first ever £100,000 Derby at

Epsom on June 3. There were 920

entries. 149 fillies have stood their

ground at the second acceptance

stage of the Oaks three days later.

430 have dropped out of the St Leger, leaving 233 at the second

Derby acceptors

Hereford NH

#### Beverley programme

6.00 KIPLINGCOTES SELLING STAKES (3-y-0: 174-05 brekhenom (D). A. W. Jones. 9-2 B. Aroold 1990-24 balls Bounty, F. Milner, 5-2 L. Parker, 2003-65 Colden, Bon. J. V. Jones. 9-2 B. Aroold 1990-24 balls Bounty, F. Milner, 5-10 L. Severs 6-10 Little San (B. J. Etherington, 8-10 C. Deyver 604-62 Royal Sport, F. Robinson, 8-10 C. Moss 604-62 Royal Sport, F. Robinson, 8-10 C. Moss 608-62 Fart Native, F. Supple, 5-7 R. Etherington, 8-10 R. Etherington, 8-10 C. Moss 608-62 Todor, G. F. F. Kife 6080-2 Todor, G. F. Jones, 8-7 L. F. Etherington March 4-1 March Return, Tude Core, 11-2 Kathe Bounty. 2. Proor March, 4-1 Salo Return, Tudor Gras, 11-2 Kaths Bogany, 8-1 Whitele Win, 10-1 Port Native, 13-1 Royal Sport, Incidendar, offices. 6.25 NORTH CAVE AUCTION PLATE (2y-o maidens: 2276:5f)

7.20 HESSLE PLATE (£345 : 1}m)

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#### Beverley selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 6.0 Safe Return, 6.25 Brooklyn, 6.55 Boardroom, 7.20 New Henry, 7.50 NUGGET is specially recommended, 8.20 Lazay. 08'9-1 Contenda (CD). J. Statistic lun, code B. Read By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Berlan Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspondent Gr. T. Corre. 40-5 .... By Our Newmarket Correspon

#### Newmarket results

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TOTE, Win, 370; places, 15p, 30p, 36p; and forecast, 38p. O. Peter-Hoolyne, at auton. NE, 41, 1983, 14,32pp.

LU' (3.2) QUEEN ANNE WHISTEY HANDI(AR) (3-ro.: 11,500: Uara)

RECORD RIN, h. c. by Irack. Spare

Benth Game (Mr. S. Grey). 3 is 8 lb

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DOMINANT, b. f. by Rechistons—
Picture Palace. (Mr. A. Budgett).

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B. Sami (16-7)

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-Desert Ash (Mr. D. Semuen)

5 to 9 lb

S. Cotte (3-1 Ear). 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Gazile Molody. 10-1

Iny British (4th.) 1.1 The Fish Bomber, 16-1

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Also Ran: 6-1 Received and the secret and away in third place. and Figure Las Paze fire letting away; fourth. After a stewards imperity 3ad an objection, Wovoka was discondified and the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run, with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run. with Dominant a black of the new awarded to Record Run. with Dominant a black of the new award

4.85 (4.40) BOTESDALE HANDICAP (1.5-0 51.345 : 1'-61

3.36 (L.T.) 1,000 GUINLAS MTARES (34-6)
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FRIGHCLERE, b f, by General Measur
— Mighlight (The Queen: 9 g. 12-1)
FOLYGAMY, b f, by Reform—Scenario
Brids (Mr L Freedman), 9 g. 12-1
STRS TIGGYWINKLE, ch f, by Silly.
Sesson—My Enigma (Mr T)
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#### Oaks betting

Hills, who offered 105-1 against Highclere and Escorial winning the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks; now face a £100,000 pay out if The Queen completes the double in the second filies' classic. They bet: 41 Escorial, Polygamy, 12-1 Our Relation, and 4-1 Highclere, with a run.

Horse show

# **British supremacy**

American who won here two days earlier, made a clean sweep of the main competition at the Rome from competition at the Reme Horse Show today the Premit Generale Piera Dodi, and was ren-ner up in the opening event as well. Already the toast of the Piazza di Siena, she is increasingly regarded as a strong contender for the women's world champion-shin at La Boule in John and a ship at La Boule in John and as the most likely danger to the continued supremacy of Britain's Ann Moore. Not only is she exception, ally talented, with a real match temperament, but she is also outstandingly well mounted.

Nine clear round; in the open-ing tircuit over sight fences of progressive difficulty included three for Britain—Malcolm Pyrah with Trevarrien and Carcline Brad-ley's two-and two for the United States, both moden by Miss McEroy.

The American opesed with a second clear round on Sundancer in a 2000 time of \$5.5 sec. which Trevarrion and True Lass proved to be beatable, but at the cost of one mustake. Raimondo d'Inzeo wichdrew his young horse, Talky, whom he reckoud to have done enough, and second place, with the

Rome, May 2

Michele McEvey, the 21-year-old American who won here two days carlier, made a clean sweep of the main composition to the Person Michele McEvey, the 21-year-old American who won here two days carlier, made a clean sweep of the Carlier had fourth.

Postor Michele McEvey, the 21-year-old Levy, in 35.2 sec. finished third carlier, made a clean sweep of the Michele McEvey, and True Levy, in 35.2 sec. finished third carlier had fourth.

Riding her young horse Vesu-ties M. M. McEvoy narrowly lost the knockout compedition to the home side's Timbo, ridden by nome side's Timbo, ridden by Sertia Sibanese.
Ron Massarella, the British clef d'equipe—as lonely a man as any other team manager on the eye

any other team marager on the eve of the Nations Cup—has regretfully dropped Caroline Bradley and Lionei Dunning from the first Nations Cup of the 1974 season, which takes place tomorrow aftermoon. In order of jumping, the cam consists of Dereli Ricketts with Beau Supreme, Graham Fietcher with Brawith Park, Malcolm Pyrah with Trevarrion and the full back, Peter Robeson, with Grebt. with Grebs.

Tish Greek.

Itah are the danger to a British victory. Their horses have been going exceptionally well in difficult gains, but not most successful of all. d'Inreo. opted out of the Instian team two weeks ago

PREMIN ADVALUE I. N. Accome-Timble 1877 I. Mr. M. Microri County C. Mr. M. Microri PREMIC OFFICE TO BUDD. I. May Mr. vool Sunderer (1881) I. Mr. McFerri M. Mr. Muser (1881) I. M. Pyrahl Travertor (1881) I. Miss C. Bradley's True Law (1981)

Hockey

#### Sutherland thrusts Scots to the front

Denmark u

From Sydney Friskin Madrid, May 2

Scotland 5

Scotland found the form and skill which they had sought in vain for so long by overwhelming Denmark in Pool A of the European Cup hockey tournament which pean Cup hockey tournament which began here today in fine weather. After surviving a penalty stroke in the carly minutes, Scotland took control of the game and their play was full of purpose and meaning. These teams had met a fortnight ago in a goalless draw and Scutland seemed to have profited from that

experience.
Still Scotland had a brief
moment of anxiety when Denmark
were awarded a penaity stroke, but
Toft, their best forward, missed the land's credit that they scored before another minute had elapted, with Stobble stabbing the ball home after Lawson's through naw had led to a brief struggle inside the circle.

circle. The Scottish pulse began to quicken in proportion to the mounting support from the touch-lines, and in the twentieth minute from the right by Lawson sped to
Murdoch on the left, who trapped
the ball welf, controlled it beau
tifully, and flicked it home.

Ken Hay's back pass was sufficed by theore.

cient incentive for Murdoch to drive a clean shot for the third goel and the fourth, which came soon after, was the outcome of a brilliant piece of dribbling by Sutherland.

In the twenty-sixth minute Law-son camerted a penalty stroke to bring Scotland their fifth goal. An infrincement in the goalmouth brought Denmark their second pensity stroke, which was entrusted this time to Syen Glend

pennty stroke, which was entrusted this time to Sven Glendrup, but this award suffered the same fate as its predecessor to leave Scotland well pleased with their day's work.

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Golf

#### Wayward driving costs Jacklin five strokes

From Peter Ryde

Chantilly, May 2 No clear leader emerged in the carly stages of the first round of the Fronch Open coll championship here today, until John Fourne, third in the South African other of merit this year and runner-up to Hugger in Portugal, came in with 69.

The advent of May did not prevent the start of play being de-layed for more than one hour, because frost covered the greens and they could not be cut in time. That delay was increased by a decision to clear the first green before allowing the three behind to start.

For a long time 71, the par for the course, was the lowest score and this was shared by D. Chillas, J. Morgan, D. Wren and V. Fernandez, Chillas, a strong young Scor, kept close to par, dropping shots only at the first and lar holes. The last hole, a magnificent par five only one ward short of 600, was an easy hole to drop a stroke at, its tee set so far back into the trees that some found difficulty in carrying its cross bunkers. The other two long holes come together at the eighth and ninth—which set one wondering where else such a freak condition occurs Penina, Brancaster, Royal Pottrush? For a long time 71, the par for

Portrush?

Wren, a tall South African, was helped to his 71 by holing in one at the fourth: Morgan represented Stoneham in the club professionals' match against the United States at Pinehurst last autumn, and Fernandez, from Argentina, has a game ley. This is sketchy informa-

ron even for partitime leaders, but probably the best performance any of them has actived was fourth place by Chilles in the Spanish open a fertraght and. Morgan's score was binth on a 34 out, and he was corried of a clear lead by taking three parts on the last two greens. The first small of 72 was a mich for the consistency for he had par at 15 holes, dropping a shot of the consistency for he had par at 15 holes, dropping a shot of the stort shift. How Tony Jackin must have englied his in the rendence of the fem-Jackins must nave envised his recadiness. His 75 looks depressing until it is remembered that this is

a ligh-scoring course generally and that five of his strokes were spear

took two to get clear and five to reach the green. At the 15th he again hit is branch with his recover, and then after his approach his directled through the back of the green, he played a weak chip and missed from six feet for his according to the state of the second which inevitably means a six titere.

In the bad luck department there were second to the mentioned a French should be mentioned a French six. Otherwise there was some really fine driving and two long putts holed on greens that are well covered but which are firm under

nesth and require nice judgment in the approach.

Chantilly is known as one of France's best courses, but I had forgotten just what a joy the course is. Not only has the design of Tor Simplien stood has the design

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the course that it was not apply a digh-scoring course generally and that five of his strokes were specified in two bad drives. Just as at the United States Masters, when his score was wrecked by two or farce bad holes, so now, at the ninth and 15th. At both holes he drove into trees on the right, and obscured the high quality of many of his strokes.

At the ninth he found ins hall plugged in the rough under a branch and, after accertaining that under PGA rules he could not his an embedded ball in the rough the took two to get clear and five to late in the afternoon that par lor-

> In the bad luck department should be mentioned a French professional, Laffitte, who dis-qualified himself after playing the wrong ball at the 11th falling to rectify the mistake before the next bole, and Jackel who withdrew from the tournament after a round from the tournament after a round of 78. He withdrew because of a bad back, but he was also suffering from a bad back time for after going out in 33, he took 45 to come home.

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# Commission on press will investigate editorial standards

House of Commons

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), amouncing the setting up of a Royal Commission on the Press, said:

As the House will recall when I As the House will recall when I first answered questions after the opening of Parliament on March 21 I was asked whether I would recommend the setting up of a Royal Commission on the Press. I replied that this proposal was under urgent consideration.

Then and later the House expressed its anxiety about the cjopressed its anxiety about the clo-sure of the Scottish Daily Express, with the loss of nearly 2,000 jobs, and this was the subject of further questions in the context of sugges-tions for setting up a Royal Com-

Following that and other questions about an inquiry into the press, I have decided to recomment of a Royal Commission on the Press. The Queen the appointment of a Royal Commission on the Press. The Queen has approved this recommendation.

The terms of reference of the royal commission will be as follows:—

To inquire into the factors affecting the majoranage of the

To inquire into the factors affecting the maintenance of the independence, diversity and editorial standards of newspapers and periodicals, and the public's freedom of choice of newspapers and periodicals, nationally, regionally and locally, with particular reference to:—

(a) the economics of newspaper and periodical publishing and distribution; (b) the interaction of the news-

paper and periodical interests held by the companies con-cerned with their other interests and holdings, within and outside the communications industry;

(c) management and labour practices and relations in the newspaper and periodical industry;
(d) conditions and security of employment in the newspaper and periodical industry; and periodical industry : (e) the distribution and concentra-tion of ownership of the news-paper and periodical industry, and the adequacy of existing law in relation thereto;

(f) the responsibilities, constitu-tion and functioning of the Press Council;

and to make recommendations. The royal commission will have all the usual powers. It will be free to submit interim reports or recommendations, if it considers that there are matters within its terms of reference which ought to be dealt with urgently, before its final report is available. Mr Justice Finer has agreed to serve as chairman of the royal commission. The rest of the mem-bership will be announced in due

#### No discussion

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—There has been no discussion about the terms of reference in advance, and we would like to give careful consideration to them. Would be consider any representa-tions about them before the commission is set uo ? What is the real purpose of a

royal commission at this time on these matters? (Conservative cheers.) There have been deep investigations into the problems of the press, two important ones over the last few years, which have analysed the situation clearly and set forth recommendations as to how they should be handled. All those concerned with the

ess know very well what the oblems are. What is required is action largely within the industry to put its own house in order to deal with these problems. Is it not the case that by the time this royal commission, with an agenda such as the Prime Minister has set out, has com-pletted taking evidence and made

recommendations, the problems of which we are all aware of some sections of the press will not only become acute but possibly sections of the press will have disappeared altogether by the time the report is published?

is published?

It is urgent that steps should be taken to enable the press to deal with its own problems irrespective of whether a commission is set up. MR WILSON—I agree with a lot of what Mr Heath has said. I give him an assurance about the terms of reference: we shall be only too happy to consider any points or

Suggestions.
There have been inquiries over There have been inquiries over the past few years, though the lost one was more than seven years ago, commissioned from the Economist Intelligence Unit. It did not carry the authority nor did it have the width of terms of reference which the royal commission I have announced today will have.

I agree with him that many of the facts about the problems of the newspaper industry, especially on the economic side, have been widely discussed. He, the House and I know the facts. The tragedy is that there is not agreement in the industry on what the facts are.

There has been no agreement despite the Economist Intelligence Unit and despite what he said at the control of the said at the sai

Unit and despite what he said at the time on it, and what I did, in very strong terms about the need to improve labour practices and improvement, on other things. Therefore it is right there should be a royal commission at this time.

#### Fleet Street

MR MOONMAN (Basildon, Lab)—In Fleet Street there will be a warm welcome for his statement. Can he say more about the wider media? There is the problem that at least one national paper and an evening London newspaper are in serious financial difficulties. Would he go further than invite the royal commission to give an interim report and insist they make some statement before September 1. before September 1.
MR WILSON-I agree about the urgency and the dangers of a further restriction of the newspaper reading public's choice through possible closure. Since two months 230, one newspaper has folded and others are threat

ened. This raises the question of The royal commission is free to report urgently, but the setting up of a commission does not mean any more than it has done in the past, that the Government do not have a responsibility where there is a threat either to employment or to the freedom of the newspaper reading public to have as wide a choice as possible.

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L)—Is it too late to ask him to think again about this? I agree with those who have said that the royal commission presumably en on for years. Its remit is extraordinarily wide. It is going to examine the local press and periodicals. At the end of the day, what reason have we to suppose, without another royal commission, there can be any

The tragedy is that the facts are there, but action is not taken. Can he assure us that some action will be taken after another inquiry?

What is the relationship between this inquiry and the inquiry into broadcasting? MR WILSON—The question of action is a matter for those in the industry. I do not believe that the work of a royal commission, which is urgent, need in any way inhibit action that should be taken within the industry and any action that the industry and any action that may be appropriate on the part of the Government. There is deep concern about the

There is deep concern about the condition of the press. While I do not always agree with every dot or decimal point of public opinion polls, one of them in *The Times* this week, allowing for the usual margin of error, showed an appalling lack of confidence in the national press on the part of the British people. There are long-term problems as well as the more urgent ones. That is why there is a royal commission. a royal commission.

The inquiry into broadcasting is

reference when it gets under way.
The only link between them is
that the question of newspaper
holdings within and outside the communications industry lies within the terms of the royal commission. That will include holdings by the newspaper industry within commercial broadcastive within commercial broadcastive.

NR EDELMAN (Coventry, North-West, Lab)—Will Mr Wilson define more closely the reference to editorial standards? Will be make clear that the commission, while protecting the legitimate privacy of individuals, will not do anything to limit or restrict the investigative duties and rights of the press generally?

MR WILSON—It is only for me to set out the terms of reference and it is for the commission under its distinguished chalrmanship to interpret those phrases. The House will know that this will be done with the greatest responsibilities.

#### Issue of writs

MR NIGEL LAWSON (Blaby, C)—Will be ensure that this royal commission is able to look into the serious marter he raised on July 20, of inhibiting the free press by issuing writs with which the plain-tiff has no intention of proceed-MR WILSON-I am grateful to

him that, like the diary column of the newspaper of which he was distinguished financial editor, he got the quotation right. In a newspaper which copied it today it was not right. It was "has no intention of proceeding with ". I entirely agree with what Mr Lawson has in mind and with what I said last July. I was thinking of a case where, for 12 years, no action was taken. I entirely agree that journalistic freedom should not be inhibited by the issue of writs where the plaintiff has no intention of pro-ceeding. I have no information of any such writs in existence today. MR ST JOHN-STEVAS (Chelms-

ford, C)—Even the press some-times get some things right, in-cluding the recent reporting of use of Government information services for a personal statement. Will Mr Wilson put right his erroneous statement to me on Tuesday and for once, admit that he was MR WILSON—The press frequently get facts right, but not,

unfortunately, when they are asked to print a statement by Mr St. John-Stevas. I replied to this last night and I felt, in view of the interest stirred up in the press by Mr St John-Stevas, that I should hand a copy to the press. unfortunately. when ther What I said in reply to him was correct and in all his interventions this week, he has only succeeded in demonstrating to the House the fundamental depths of his shallow-

MR IOAN EVANS (Aberdare. Lab)—Will he ensure that in the membership of the commission there will be a representative from the National Union of Journalists or of working Journalists?

MR WILSON—Yes. The appointments will be a completely

representative group, including those with long experience in an editorial or journalistic capacity. MR WYN ROBERTS (Conway, C)—Is it not a fact that newspapers from The Times to Fritate Eye will be asked to justify their made of conducting themselves in their inquiries and this is likely to interpreted as an arrenal to he interpreted as an attempt to gaz the press? MR WILSON-Only by Mr Rob-

erts and others vociferously defending their marginal seats, bur not for much longer.

#### Sympathetic

MR HEATH—Mr Wilson told the House last Tuesday that the Lord President's statement had not involved work by the Civil Service. It is clear that it did. I Service. It is clear that it did. I am not arguing whether that is right or wrong or asking for a judgment on it, but it is plain that this is contrary to what he said.

It is right that Mr Wilson should tell the House frankly that civil servants were involved in the statement. The House is always sympathetic to a minister who says that he was not aware of a fact and corrects a statement. says that he was not aware of a fact and corrects a statement.

The maintenance of the independence of the press concerns us. It is right that no one should be beholden to any body or organization, and this applies particularly to the press who should not be beholden to any government through an arrangement for subsidy or supply of memprint. MR WILSON—I would with-draw what I said if I thought that what I had said was wrong—as I have on a number of occasions, on either sie of the House, but the question was in the context of the Cabinet Office. I answered that in

tabliet office. I auswried that in my letter.

The point I was trying to make clear in reply to Mr St John-Stavas's question which may not have been 100 per cent well drafted, any more than was my answer, that I thought he might bave in mind that a civil servant was used in drafting the state-

#### MR ST JOHN-STEVAS-I said migused. MR WILSON—That was not the case because Mr Short saw me on arrival in London and showed me

his draft, written on the train in manuscript and he discussed it with me. There was no question of using the Civil Service in drafting it. I ambilited that it. I explained that. Unfortunately journalists were writing upstairs until a late bour in the uncomfortable conditions

in the uncomfortable conditions we know they occupy, and whereas Mr Short could have taken the statement personally and handed it to them, which he would have been glad to do, he used a press officer, not from the Cabinet Office, for that purpose. If there is any reason for criticism on this, I have a copy of a statement in not dissimilar circumstances from a minister of a statement in not usuamilar circum-stances from a minister of a Conservative Government Issued by his department on his behalf on a purely political matter.

# Contents of Lennon death report cannot yet be published

MR ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary (Birmingham, Stech-ford, Lab), made a statement about the case of Mr Kenneth Joseph Lenuon.

He said: As I informed the He said: As I informed the House by written answer on April 29. I have received a report from the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis about matters raised in the published account of an interview between Mr Lennon and the National Council for Civil Liberties on April 10.

It is not the usual practice to

National Council for Civil Liberties on April 10.

It is not the usual practice to publish a report to me by a chief officer of police, but the circumstances here are exceptional and in my view the commissioner's report should be made available to the House. It does, however, contain material which might affect appeals pending before the courts by persons with whom Mr Lennon had associated.

I have consulted the Attorney General on the action which it is upen to me to take. I am advised that it would be improper to publish the report while the appeals are pending or to comment on its contents in any way which might be held to be prejudical. I therefore considered whether I should adopt the alternative course of publishing a heavily truncated version of the report.

I have come to the conclusion that this would be unsatisfactory both to the House and to the public. It is, therefore, my intention to wait until the court proceedings are over and then to publish the full report.

I should in the meantime make clear the status of the report I I should in the meantime make clear the status of the report I requested from the commissioner. What I sought was a detailed account of the transactions beaccount of the transactions be-tween the police and Mr Lennon, on the basis of which I could

Free vote on register

of MPs' interests

After the Lord President of the

Council and Leader of the House had announced the business for next week,

MR REATH asked: When does

he now expect to bring forward proposals for the register of MPs' interests?

MR EDWARD SHORT (New-

MR EDWARD SHORT (New-castle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—I hope to send to the parties proposals for a register next week. I hope the House can debate this before the Whitsuntide recess. I take the view that this is a matter for the House of Commons and it

ought to go to the political parties for their discussion first.

MR HEATH—As the House knows, various proposals have been put through the usual channels. I think these have been passed back to the Leader of the House. Has not the time come when the Government should come forward with such proposals as they think right, let everyone see them, and have a debate?

MR SHGRI—Certainly. They

see them, and have a debate?

MR SHORT—Certainly. They
will be seat to the parties next
week, then the House can discuss
it before the recess.

not the time come when the Government put on the order paper what they propose?

MR SHORT—This is a special matter and all MPs in their own parties ought to have the opportunity of expressing a view on

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab)—Recent events have made it clear conspicuously that these proposals ought to be before

these proposals ought to be before the House. Nothing less than a compulsory and public register will be satisfactory, that will be to the benefit and interest of not merely those who have no outside interests to declare and can feel sanctimentous, but also those who have been harried by disclosure and innuendo like Mr Short.

MR SHORT-I agree. This is a matter which should be decided by

MR MARTEN (Banbury, C) asked when the Chantellor of the Exchequer would next be attending the Council of Ministers in the Common Market.

MR HEALEY—I expect to attend the next Council of Finance Ministers meeting on May 20.

Ministers meeting on May 20.

MR MARTEN—Could be give us his views on economic and monetary union, the second stage of which should have been achieved by January I this year? Could be express a view on the Italian action of a 50 per cent import surcharge? That seems to make a nonsense of the Common Market.

Does that explain why Sir Chris-topher Soames is applying, so we hear, for the safe Conservative seat at Chichester? (Laughter.)

MR HEALEY-I can think of at

MR HEALEY—I can think of all least one other reason why Sir Christopher Scames might be applying for that seat, if he is so dolug. I have no doubt that the Leader of the Oogosition is equally aware of that possible reason. (Renewed laughter.)

reason. (Renewed laughter.)

I have never regarded the commitment to achieve European economic and monetary union by 1980 as being in any sense conceivable or possible. I find that is the view of most of my colleagues among the European finance ministers.

I much regret the recent action of the Italian government, although I can understand the reasons why it felt it had no alternative. MPs on all sides,

the House itself on a free vote, Leader of the not only on the content of the Labour cheers.)

and Chichester seat

Sir Christopher Soames

MR HEATH-Of course, MR HEATH-Of course, we have party mechanisms in the House. These have been used. Has

MR HEATH—As the House

decide whether there were, in my view, matters that required fur-ther and independent investiga-

My judgment on the basis of the evidence presented to me by this report is that there are no grounds for a further investigation into the actions of any of the police officers involved. The House will be able to judge for itself when it sees the report. I very much regret this cannot be for some weeks, but I am satisfied that it would be improper for me to publish the report until the proceedings before the coarts are concluded.

#### Under attack

Under attack

MR PRIOR (Lowestoft, C)—I
do not intend to question the
Home Secretary's judgment that
there are no grounds for a further
lavestigation into the actions of
any of the police officers involved.
When the law and our institutions
are under attack from the IRA
and others the security authorities
should have the nation's confidence. But it is equally right that
he should be satisfied that such
confidence is well placed.
Is he satisfied entirely that
Lennon's statement to the
National Council for Civil Liberties was an accurate reflection of
what he really intended to say and
was properly recorded? was properly recorded?

Does he agree that it is all too easy for the IRA and other hostile interests to impede the necessar activities of the security author ries in combating terrorism by spreading suggestions that infor-mants have been pushed or pres-surized into assisting the authori-

MR JENKINS—I agree it is important at the present time that

proposals, but whether it is com

proposals, but whether it is com-pulsory or voluntary.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—This party has made its views clear that we want nothing less than a compul-sory public register. This is an unusual occasion; I am agreeing with Mr Heath to the extent this ought not to be delayed further by referring it to the separate par-ties.

ties.
The Government should take Mr.

Heath's advice and produce their own proposals based on our party policy decisions which would mean

policy decisions which would mean a compulsory register, including coverage of the House of Lords, because if there is any corruption in Parliament, it is along there, rather than here. (Loud Conservative protests and interruptions.)

Mr Short and the Government should take their courage in their hands, accept Mr Heath's advice, and produce our own proposals, and let his have a free vote.

MR SHORT—I did not under-

MR SHORT—I did not under-stand Mr Heath to say he was in

favour of a compulsory register. The House should decide on a free

ory or voluntary, and what MPs are required to disclose. It is an extremely difficult question of definition.

definition.

MR PEYTON (Yeovil, C)—Will he consider making a statement next week on the timing of statements by ministers, and what parthe intends to play in the forth-coming meeting of the Committee of Privileges?

MR SHORT-The timing of all

me for comment. I propose to play the normal part played by Leaders of the House in that committee. (Loud Labour cheers.)

MR HEATH-Is it not true that

MR HEATH-IS I not the that the chairmanship of all commit-tees, including the Committee of Privileges, rests in the hands of the members of the committees themselves?

MR SHORT—Yes. I did not say otherwise. I said that I am Leader of the House and I shall be a member of that committee and play the normal part played by a Leader of the House. (Loud Labour cheers.)

whatever their views on the Common Market, should note that it is possible for a Common Market government to take such

action and remain a member of the Common Market, in spite of the principles to which it has given its name. (Laughter.)

MR LAMONT (Kingston upon Thames, C)—Will be clarify con-flicting reports in the press fol-lowing the last Council of Minis-

ters meeting about his views on the role of gold in the international monetary system?

Would he agree that it is absurd
that we should be keeping in the

country's reserves gold at a quar-

ter of the price available on the free market?

MR HEALEY—All my colleagues among the European ficance indisters, and even more strongly those among the finance ministers outside Europe, are strongly committed to the view that gold should be phased out of the international monetary system and be replaced by something in the nature of SDRs.

and be replaced by something in the nature of SDRs.

What we agreed at the meeting the other day was to find out whether finance ministers outside Europe and particularly the finance minister of the United States were prepared to consider the monetary authorities having the ability to buy and sell gold from one another.

from one another.
Whether the other finance ministers in the world will accept this

there should be high morale and confidence, accompanied by proper conduct on the part of a body of police officers who are of great importance to our security. he impossible for me satisfactorily to answer without beginning to transgress the rule I have laid down. I cannot publish the report and it is not sensible to publish parts of it or summarize parts of it in my answers.

Lab)—Mr Jenkins's statement will be greeted with disappointment by many MPs on this side. In view of the seriousness of the questions raised by Mr Lennon's statement to the NCCL, particularly about the role of the Special Branch, the usual objections to police investi-gating police are reinforced. Asking the police for their ver-sion of the facts hardly constitutes should be reconsider the kind of inquiry some of us are asking for. Would be reconsider his decision about setting up a full and independent inquiry, preferably through a committee of this MR JENKINS-No. I hope when

MR JENKINS—No. I hope when he speaks of widespread disappointment he is speaking for himself and not for the majority of Labour MPs. One has to considermatters like this carefully. When the report is published he will on it as I have had to do.

This is not a question of the have to make his own judgment police being asked to inouire into police being asked to inquire into themselves. I asked them to pro-vide me with an account of the facts of their relationship woth Mr Lennon on which I have to decide if some form of further special inquiry would be held. I decided it is not justified on the basis of

Chancellor

on funds for

MR LAMONT (Kingston upon

Thames, C) asked if the Chancellor of the Exchequer was satisfied

with the present level of company

liquidity and profitability following the Budget.

MR HEALEY (Leeds, East,

Lab)—The most recent informa-tion available about company liquidity shows that this was at a high level in the fourth quarter of

1973 and the indications are that in general companies have been remarkably resilient following re-

sumption of normal working.

It has never been the practice to publish forecasts of the effects of

MR LAMONT-Would be con-

MR LAMONT—Would he confirm the serious disagreement between the Government and the CBI about the level of corporate liquidity? What matters is not the amount of liquid assets but the net position of companies after borrowing. This is strongly negative at the moment. And it is this plus the prospective cash flow problems which alarms the CBI.

MR HEALEY—The CBI is alarmed at many things at present for reasons we all understand. But

This would be notably from the

MR DENZIL DAVIES (Llanelli,

Lab)—The Opposition's concern about company liquidity would carry greater weight if, in Govern-ment, they had not changed the

corporate tax system which favoured retention of a system of tax thus favouring distribution,

thereby penalizing companies which wanted to invest from re-

MR HEALEY—There is much in what he says. The Opposition's view on liquidity would be more convincing if they had tried to avoid two or three months of three-day working instead of prophing the miner into an unreconding

voking the miners into an unnec-essary dispute which is responsible for the main burdens carried by

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and

Mailing. C)—What steps is he taking to avert the accelerated fall-in company liquidity this year to

which he referred, arising from the operation of the wage thresh-old provisions under the Pay Code, aimost certainly in the cur-

MR HEALEY-The operation of

the threshold agreement is acting on the economy in a sense exactly the opposite of that intended by the previous Government when it

was introduced. Since so many have already sended under thresh-old agreements it would be im-proper for the present Govern-ment to interfere with it at this

MR MAXWELL-HYSLOP (Tiv-

erron, C)—Liquidity figures for the last quarter of 1973 do not show the disastrous effect of the

dramatic increase in rates in areas which have suffered from the Government's changes in rate support grant nor the loss of Hejdfit due to the increased National Health contributions payable by

MR HEALEY-This is true. But

and HEALEY—This is true. But equally they do not reflect the reduction of the rate burden in the industrial areas as a result of the minister's recent decision. The changes in the rate system are probably more important to companies in industrial areas than in tural areas.

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would not hesitate to order an inquiry but we have to be careful-that we are not strong on inquiries and weak on detection.

The Special Branch was set up 90 years ago to deal with certain terrorist activities and we need their protection at least 48 much, if not more, today than at any other date.

MR MAUDE (Straiferd on Avon, C)—While we all recognize the legal difficulties about publica-MR CLEMITSON (Luton, East. tion in the light of possible appeal proceedings, the allegations by Mr Leupon and the NCCL have left a side on the security authorities. Can he not at least say whether it is true that pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Lennon to cooperate or whether Mr. Lennon approach the security authorities of his own volition?

MR JENKINS—No. If I am to follow the rule on which I am strongly advised, that I must not prejudice proceedings, it would not be reasonable to begin to select parts of the report and amounce that to the House.

amounce that to the House.

MR PRESTCOTT (Kingsten upon Hull, East, Lab)—In seking for a report on Special Branch relations with Lemon and on the suggestion of whether there was any improper action, did he consider the industrial activities of this person or the improper activities which some of us feel concern the Special Branch in the industrial source and trade union sericitrial sphere and trade union actici-

MR JENKUNS—I took into account the relationship of Mr Lennon with the Special Branch but I think this was a relationship which was not in any way pri-

marily concerned with his pre-vious trade union activities.

I note what he says and repre-sentations he has made. These do not arise out of Lennon's case. Distinction

MR NORMAN FOWLER (Sutton Coldfield, C)—His statement will be welcomed on this side at least. The spread of terrorist and other than the spread of terrorists. side at least. The spread of terrorist activities we are seeing requires urgently an effective police agency gathering intelligence. The Special Branch have over the years acquitted themselves with distriction in this role.

MR JENKINS—To a large extent I have answered that point. But I note his comments and stress again that the Special Branch has an important role to play, particularly in present circumstances.

#### Next Week Business in the House of Lords will

TUESDAY: Control of Politica Bill, second reaches. Consumer Credit Bill. commutes reading. Consumer Credit Bill. Committee stage continued.
WEDNINSDAY: Debate on exploitation of oil and sea recourses creame the Scitch lake.
THURSDAY: Lind Tentre Reform Continued Bill. second reading. Soliton Committee and National Insurance Bills consumers and National Insurance Bills continued and National Insurance Bills continued and National Continued Bills continued Scheme and Society Hospital Trust Camendation.

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of Wine.
WINESDAY: Petrane on agriculture.
TRUKSDAY: Phrame Bill, second reading.
FRIDAY: Private Members' Bills.

#### Safety paramount in choice of reactor

MR VARLEY, Secretary of State for Baergy (Chesterfield. Lab), opening a debate on nuclear reactors, said it was being held following an undertaking by the Government on taking office that a decision about the choice of the next generation of nuclear reactors would not be made until the House had had an opportunity of expressing its view.

No decision of eny kind, either firm or even in outline, had been made by the Government. He repudiated the unfounded press report that a decision had been MR PATRICK IENKIN (Red-

House had had an opportunity of expressing its view.

No decision of any kind, either firm or even in outline, had been made by the Government. He repudiated the unfounded press report that a decision had been made. It had not.

Some of the queries about the heavy water reactor and the light water reactor rested on environmental grounds and the safety issues concerning them related to the particular circumstances of the United States. The Central Electricity Generating Board was following closely the work done not only in the United States, but in Germany, Japan, and elsewhere.

The prototype first reactor at Dounresy was operating at low power and after a period of testing would be raised to full power and begin to develop electricity in the next few months.

His department considered that

His department considered that a 3.6 per cent annual growth in the demand for electricity would be a reasonable estimate at the lower end of the range. No nuclear station ordered now could be a reasonable force the 1880s.

on the level of liquidity, there is no dispute that the total corporate liquidity in Britain was £10,000m be producing before the 1980s.

There were those who thought the move towards nuclear reactors should be as quick as possible. In iliquidity in Britain was £10,000m at the end of last year.

There is no doubt there will be a fail in liquidity this year. I referred to this in my Budget no reactor emerged clearly and sources of funds will be available for investment if this is desired.

The were those who know thought the move towards nuclear reactors the move towards nuclear reactors and other than the move that the move the state of no reactor emerged clearly and unquestioned as an obvious no problem.

All figures on cost were highly suspect, but it was reasonably fair to say the light water reactor was cheapest. Magnox looked the most

There was the consideration many would place shead of all others inherent safety— (cheers)—with its implication for siring in United Kingdom condi-

The LWR system aroused the most passionate advocacy and opposition. The safety of the steel pressure ressels of the LWR wate a key issue. Thathad been acknowledged in the evidence to the Select Committee on Science and Technology and clearly merited serious consideration. serious consideration.

The British Nuclear Inspectorate estimated that about two years from the date of a receipt of firm from the date of a receipt of firm proposalswould be needed to proposalswould be needed to examine all the issues involved in the successful outcome and timing of the rescarch and development work being undertaken in the United States and elsewhere.

To formulate the final advice to him on the issue of a licence, the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate must have from the CEGB at specific design in considerable detail and the opportunity to question the CEGB and the vendors on a license, be prevented.

ment's decision and explaining it.

MR PATRICK JENKIN (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford,
C) said the problem was finding a
reactor that was proven and safe.

Magnox had both these qualities,
but there were formidable objections to it, not least being that it
was twice as expensive as other
systems. It could be ruled out as a
short-term stopgap, and he would
need some convincing that it would
need some convincing that it would
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need some convincing that it would be right to build any more, except as a last resurt.

The AGR project had fallen behind and defeated the hopes of those people who were so enthusiastic for it 10 years ago. If they did not have to order a system in the near future, then the AGR could turn out to be better than many commentators feared as it was safe and had good siting characteristics. characteristics.

Fast breeder reactors were still

Fast breeder reactors were still at the development stage. The high temperature reactor had great potential and warranted sustained effort on development with Britain being right at the heart and centre of it.

The Government could consider

The Government could consider as one of their options getting one of the boards to make an order as soon as possible for a fully commercial demonstration model. There could be a strong case for doing this now.

In the choice between light reactors developed in America and heavy water reactors developed by Britain and Canada emotion could sometimes be a false guide, although nationalism might be entirely worthy

attough nationals might be en-tirely worthy.

There could be no question of a compromise on safety. Britain had a system of reactor licensing and of nuclear safety of which they could be very proud and the skill-and independence of the nuclear inspectors. inspectorate were beyond reproach.

There could be no question of the board being allowed to order pressure reactors until the inspec-

torate had approved them.

There was no scientific possibility, he had been assured, of a civil nuclear reactor turning into a bomb. He was critical of newspapers and other media which accompanied discussion on nuclear safety of nuclear reactors with pictures of nushroom shaped clouds. That was scaremongering and criminate to allow when no torate had approved them.

# Privilege case 'tangle'

SIR HARMAR NICHOLLS
(Peterborongh, C), on a point of order, said that on January 25 Mr Benn succeeded in having remitted to the Committee of Privileges a matter arising out of a letter he had received from solicitors who told him that their clients in tended to pursue through the courts claims for defamation arising out of a speech he had made.

They were invited to attend on February 14, only to find that the last Parliament was dissolved on February 8. Under present procedure matters remitted to the committee fell down at the end of a Parliament. The people who fell that they had a claim in the courts were stopped from proceeding were stopped from proceeding with that because this matter figured in the procedures of the House will to be dealt with.

How (he went on) do we approach the tangle in a way which can either call upon the Leader of the House to withdraw the matter from the Committee of Privileges or upon Mr Benn, who originally raised it, to state that he will not proceed with it, so that the people outside who would wish to follow their rights through the courts can do that without infringing the procedures of this House and being in contempt of it?

and being in contempt of it? MR SHORT, Lord President of

the Council and Leader of the House, said that about an hour ago he had received a letter from the solicitors stating broadly what Sir Harmar Nicholls had said. He was looking into this and would do

#### The man in the 'think tank' who wrote 'at a stroke' MR ROST (South-East Derbynow withdraw the allegation that

employers.

shire, C) asked whether the Prime Minister proposed to make any changes in the structure of the Central Policy Review Staff. MR WILSON-No.

MR ROST—Can be give an assurance that the "think tank" will retain its independent adviscry function and will not be infiltrated by the Prime Minister's personal political staff nor by those of Transport House nor the TUC who are now dictating Government policy?

MR WILSON-I can assure him it is independent, it is not being infiltrated, and he will remember heving won his seat in 1970 on a document which included the phrase " at a stroke "-the author of which was appointed to the "think tank" when the Conservative Government set it up. (Lond Labour cheers and laughter.) MR BIDWELL (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—Will the Prime Minister assure Labour MPs that members

of the "think tank" have a thorough appreciation of the socialist mission of the Lebour movement. Can he tell us what the "think tank" has that the Parliamentary Labour Party has not (Loud Conservative laugh-MR BURDEN (Gillingham, C) .

. The short answer is-brains. (Renewed Conservative laughter.) MR WILSON-In the first place it is a bit smaller and I think that on balance it is slightly more cohestve—(laughter)—but this cohesive—(laugnter)—but this organization was set up by the Leader of the Opposition and he will recall that some thought was given to such a thing before he became Prime Minister, which I criticized at the time, but I now believe it was a good development in our central government. in our central government. Its job is non-political, whether serving a Conservative or Labour Covernment, or conceivably any other kind of government—if they have not all claimed their old age pension by then. (Laughter.)
It has a non-political role and its doubte are carried and

its duties are carried out with high distinction.

On political matters. I do not think that any Prime Minister or party leader has had more contact in the last few months with the Parliamentary Party whose members can come and make their MR HEATH-The Prime Minis-

ter has on a number of occasions since he became Prime Minister since he became Frime Minister paid tribute to the work of the CPRS and had repeated that tribute today, which is in contradiction to what he said as Leader of the Opposition. I welcome what he The Prime Minister's recollec-

tion is somewhat confused about the particular gentleman he men-tioned this afternoon and during questions lust Tuesday when he referred to a Conservative spy in the CPRS. The centleman to whom he referred was recruited into the Cabinet Office and the CPRS has always recruited CPRS has always recruited through the Civil Service machine. The question of recruiting people from outside the Government service is a principle which has long been accepted whether from industry or political parties.

I hope the Prime Minister will

that particular gentleman was re-cruited on a perty basis, because it was not the case, and also withdraw the accusation that there were spies in the CPRS.

MR WILSON—What I have done was in full compliance with the recommendations of the Fulton Commission and only good can come out of it on the basis that those specialists recruited from outside, if of political origin, so out when the go out when the government, whether Labour or Conservative, soes out, whenever that may be,
The word spies was not mine, it was used by an Opposition MP and I picked it up. (Laughter.)
Regarding the gentleman the Leader of the Opposition referred to who came from the Cabinet Office, he was recruited into the Cabinet Office by the Prime Minister and ha was the author of the calinet Office by the Frime Min-ister and he was the author of the document which included the phrase "at a stroke". I would not regard him as a neutral person: despite the damage he did to the then Prime Minister, Mr. Heath generously promoted him-

As far as the other person is

concerned, he did work in Conservative Central Office for a period and then was inserted into the CPRS and I understand that he is now political head of the Leader of the Opposition's private office. I think that justifies anything said the other day. MR HEATH-They were both

recruited through the normal Civil Service machinery. The sentleman to whom Mr Wilson refers was first in the service of the Department of Economic Affairs under a Labour Secretary of State.

Labour Secretary of State.

MR WILSON—They were recruited from the Civil Fervice during his incumbency and I do not criticize that because both of us have recruited politically-orientated people into the Civil Service. (Shout of "Withdraw".) There is nothing to withdraw. The fact that any individual was a Civil Service under a Labour administration is dismissed by the fact that the Leader of the Opposition himself was in the Board of Trade during the period of the Attlee Government. (Interruptions). I-beg Mr Heath's pardon—It was aviation.

# Appeal fee removed from credit

House of Lords

The Consumer Credit Bill was further considered in committee.
On Clause 41 (Appeals to the
Secretary of State under Part III

Secretary of State under Part III (Licensing).

LORD ALEKDARE (C) moved an amendment to provide that if a person appealed against a determination of the Director General of Fair Trading he would not have to pay a prescribed fee.

He said the Opposition welcomed the inclusion of the clause. The Bill gave the right of appeal to the Secretary of State but did so only on payment of the prescribed fee. It seemed unfair that a person who had a grievance and felt a decision of the director general was not correct, should have to pay a fee for an appeal masser to pay a fee for an appeal masser of State. If the appeal lant was given the benefit of the allowed the appeal it seemed doubt and the Secretary of State unjust that he should have had to pay a fee.

unjust that he should have had to pay a fee.

If he lost his appeal under another pert of the Bill the Secretary of State could make a direction for the payment of costs by any party to the appeal. This would seem to be a fair way of approaching it.

LORD JACQUES, Lord in Waiting, said he was in complete agreement with Lord Aberdare. He had been authorized to accept the amendment which was then agreed to.

#### Iniustice

wide variety of cases.
The convassing of cash loam away from business oremises which was already prohibited to money lenders, was not a practice the Government wished to see permitted. If those responsible for credit businesses wished to

direct mail or the telephone and obtain written consent for a

home into unwise cash borrowings.
The amendment was withdrawn.

prospective agreement). moved an amendment to provide that if a notice of withdrawal from an agreement was sent by post by the debtor or hirer to the creditor or owner it should take effect at the time it was received by him and if not so received should be

drawal by a debtor from an agreement as the Bill stood was deemed to be received at the time

keive r As the Bill was drafted, bearing As the Bill was drafted, bearing in mind the far ranging effects of the caucellation provision he felt it required too little evidence that the lender had genuinely sought to cancel within the statutory period.

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said the amendment would alter the provision so that the debtor's notice of withdrawal would only have effect from the time it was received from the time it was received from the creditor. It would put the debtor

creditor. It would put the debtor in the same position as the credition the same position as the credition whose notice of withdrawal only took effect when received. The reason for the debtor's special position regarding the serving of notice of withdrawal was to ensure he was fully aware of the exact moment from which withdrawal took effect.

If the debtor's posted withdrawal notice only took effect from the date it was received the debtor would not be certain when his rights and duties under the withdrawal provisions took effect.

The amendment was withdrawn.

#### Parliamentary Notices House of Commons

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now on sale in bookshops, or can be obtained direct from the publishers. Publications Department, Times Newspapers Ltd. Printing House Square, London EC4P 4DE, price £5.25 plus 25p postage within the United Kingdom. It contains biographical details and photographs of all members, a pull-out map of constituencies and results, and detailed statistical treatment of the election.

# agreed to.

Invistice
On Clause 49 (Prohibition of canvassing debtor-creditor agreements off trade premises).

LADY YOUNG (C) moved an amendment which, she said, would allow the Director General of Fair Trading to extend the exemption from the clause to other fibancial institutions than banks. It would remove what appeared to be an injustice. There were other financial institutions than banks offering current account facilities which should enjoy exemption.

By extending the exemption the Government would help competition between the banks and other institutions and ultimately offer a better service to the consumer.

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy

better service to the consumer.

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said that if the amendment were accepted any creditor exempted by the director general would be able to canvass cash loans of any description to consumers at home or elsewhere. The director would be under great pressure to grant exemptions in a wide variety of cases.

approach potential customers for cash loans there was no reason why they should not advertise, or

The clause was an important protection for the consumer who might otherwise be pressurized in the relaxed surroundings of his

#### Withdrawal

On Clause 57 (Withdrawal from ineffective.

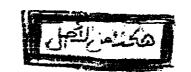
The Bill provided that the notice should take effect whether

notice should take effect whether or not it was actually received by the creditor or owner at the time of posting.

He said that notice of withof posting whether or not it was received. How could anyone react to a communication be did not receive?

#### Definition of a charity

During questions about the effect of the Budget on charities. MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) said to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury: Eton and Harrow public schools are concerned about this. (Laughter.) Will be undertake to accept an amendment to the Finance Bill to make sure they are treated so that they get their desserts under the term "charity". MR BARNET (Heywood and Royton, Lab)—He has hit on one of the major problems—the definition of charities. We are looking at this.



# Travel finance

a Special Report

# Security is key to continuing success of 'cheques'

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by Margaret Stone

staff, Marcellus Berry, to theft. Perhaps the local come up with something consul or business acquaint-better, which he did.

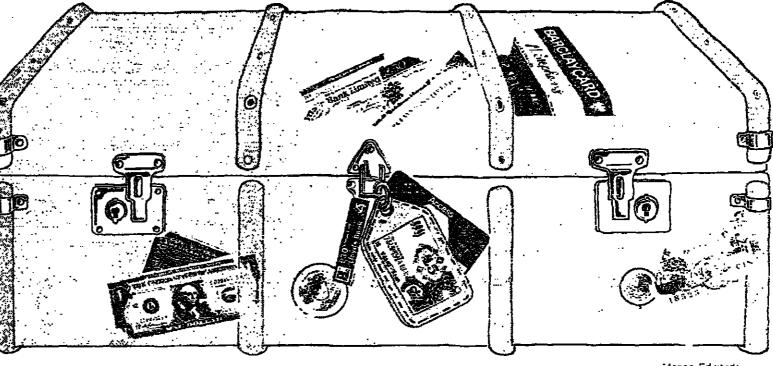
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A hundred years ago Thos better, which he did.

Cook, the trayer agents in but if it was she holiday rescue but these are poor problems of Mr Fargo that substitutes for the immeding services to the integrid this new activity, there was against stolen travellers' traveller of the day. Little a more fundamental need to diversify.

The parent company chapter was to grow, once others had jumped on to the bandwagon, into a major, cross-frontier money transmission system with amutal sales of more than \$10,000m today.

Nowadays we know the circular note as the ubiquitous parts of the until the American express has authorities introduced the arranged ties with Holiday numented by Thos Cook's first circular note more had a transatlantic origin too: it was issued from the company's New York office. The minor difference berely on travellers' cheque is that the Cook and American Express's old rivalry between Thos that frand is not intended travellers' cheque is that the Cook and American Express None of the companies is foundation to check the sig-joined in the fray. American mouth it loses through frand printed in the first and is not intended.



Mason Edwards

national network of blue, white and gold cards, the linchpin of which is the BankAmericard, operated by the world's largest bank.

Access was developed by Britain's three other maior clearing banks as a joint exercise, once they had decided that it would make little sense to tragment the system with a host of individual cards. The launch of Access was in 1972.

It is tair to say that the domestic application of these two cards was regarded as most important at first. But as the number of cardhold ers increased and a national network of domestic outlets sense to look beyond Britain and examine what scope existed for using the cards

Barclaycard started with barciaycard started with the advantage of its existing membership of a buge international confederation of card operators. Once the major foreign exchange hurdle had been crossed in 1970, it became possible for the card to be used not only in the old sterling area countries, where the Barclass tries, where the Barclays group is itself well repre-

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sector of the photographic and printing industries serves to increase the burden of security on the issuing authorities.

the art of thwarting woulds be forgers lies. The world's cient security, avoiding the banknotes are printed by kind of breaches in the past decade and the values and oddly enough they were benefit says assed for travellers it is process, and in Britain security system that can it is always used for travellers. While photogravure printing, where the high capital while photogravure printing, where the high capital is intaglio process, involves a printer and emboser. Travellers' cheque manning only loosely-speaking an intaglio process, involves a printer and emboser. Travellers' cheque manning only loosely-speaking and the restored different share of the international desire to set up in business the principal deem and the restored different share of the international desire to set up in business the principal deem and the continued expanding to the continued expanding to the continued expanding to the continued expanding to the continued expanding the same degree of security, the documents than the less subtractions of the continued expanding the security and the continued expanding the security and the continued expanding the principal deem and the continued and the continued the continued expanding the principal deem and the co code number and signatory.

However, with hundreds of millions of travellers' cheques of widely-varying treating a copper cylinder as a printer and embosser. with acids and a number of Travellers' cheque many face values being issued every year throughout the techniques for producing difference in the principal determination outlay is the principal determination of the cheques of widely-varying face values being issued every year throughout the world, most of them emanating from the United States, there are rich pickings to be had by the forger. Constant innovation in the public sector of the photographic and printing industries required industries are degree of security, the stantial credit cards.

Travellers' cheque manufactured for a continued embosser.

Travellers' cheque manufactured for a continued expanding for a continued expanding the foreign travellers of the international depths of ink, the results are credit market on a firm does photogravure offer the same degree of security, the

issuing authorities.

Better photographic equipment is reaching the open market every week, along with easy-to-use facilities for screening, masking and colour separation, effective solvents and other chemicals. Anyone can buy a fairly efficient kit for doityourself printing plate production, an executive of one top security printing house, Thomas De La Rue, complained.

It is local for the long runs advanced than banknotes involved in postage stamp from an accountancy point of view; they are machine-readable, ideally suited to computer processing, saving paper and avoiding many administrative bottlenecks. Two factors count against them, however. The first is them, however. The first is production, an executive of banknotes and travellers of travellers of travellers cheques are specifications. The second, and more important is that at the secret specifications, pt where standard

house. Thomas De La Rue, to secret specifications, complained.

"Forgery is something we're fighting non-stop", tral Bank Specification an't stop people trying to do it; you can only keep on your toes, keep several steps ahead of them. The printer's defensive measure; terms labeled of them. The printer's defensive measure; terms labeled of them. The printer's defensive measure; terms labeled of them as possible, and we can guarantee to prevent the forger making an exact copy by the safeguards we build into the larly important, design tech-

# New trinkets for the natives

إحكدا من المراجل

another document, containing a list of banks on the Continent where he could produce his letter of credit, have it duly stamped and recorded, and leave with a specified amount of money

by Victor Thorne

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#### Credit cards play growing role in holiday planning

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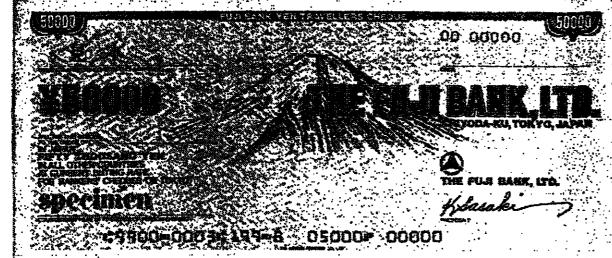
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Above all, they may well find that backers are not as easily come by as they were when the British economy was more buoyant. If a firms often keep stocks of crooked businessman can blanks in case an account holder loses a card. Replace

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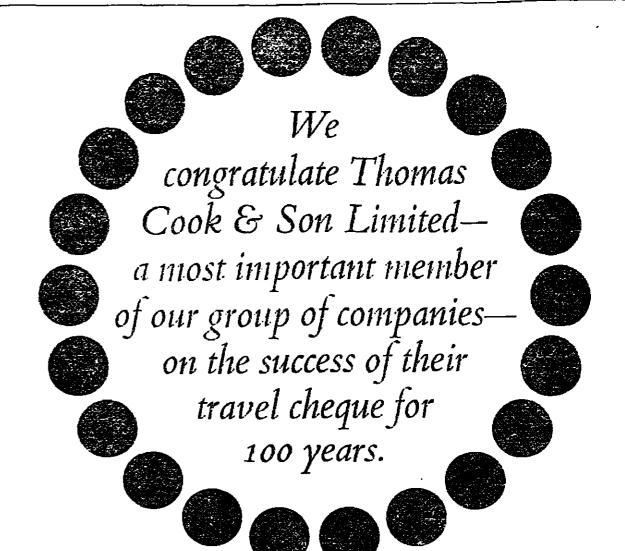
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# Inducements to fly more often

Rapidly increasing fuel costs lines hope they and the introduction of wide the fares right. body airliners with hundreds Under the Al

Ironically, it was the trend the upsurge of ABC traffic towards cheaper and cheaper since it began last summer, excursion rates for passeng this type of affinity charter ers particularly on the blue is in the minority.

Both the scheduled and

These are attracting cheap-fare passengers, but the air-lines hope they have now got travel incentive schemes.

body airliners with hundreds of extra seats mean that the world airline industry is having to place far greater reliance on travel incentive schemes as a major means of drumming up additional custom.

Only through achieving greater load factors—the percentage of seats on offer which are actually filled by fare-paying passengers—will the industry begin to move out of the alarming financial situation which has sent several of the bigger operators to the verge of bank-ruptcy in the past few months.

Under the ABC scheme, it companies, airlines say that if parties of prizewinners are allowed to take wives, the travel Individuals may book seats through travel agents and travel organizers, the organizers to the United being that for flights to the United proving loyalty to the company occasions, so improving loyalty to the company. A further claim is that the survey date.

Affinity group travel is still possible for groups of people with similar work, social pleasure or hobby backgrounds, and the airlines have experts on their staffs prepared to make all the arrangements. But with the uncourse of ABC traffic Under the ABC scheme, it companies, airlines say that

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riband Arlantic routes, which helped to produce today's financial turbulence.

More people travelled, but because they were paying lower fares, the revenues of the akrlines were seriously rules similar to ABC for journeys on their scheduled tic routes in 1967 the operators were enjoying an income for each passenger-kilometre of 3.1 cents. Last year this had deteriorated to 2.2 cents.

Worldwide, operating costs and operating revenues have been about in step since 1966, but on the north Atlantic since 1970 costs have been outstripping income, and the loss on scheduled passenger services for 1973 is being estimated at about \$100m. Both the scheduled and

is being estimated at about first-class cabin. With fuel \$100m.

It is against this background of a generally gloomy industry pattern that the airlines have set out to think up new schemes and ideas to encourage those who already travel by air to make more journeys, and those who have never flown before to step on board an airliner for the first time.

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Advance booking charters being wooed frantically by (ABC) have taken the place all the major airlines on the faffinity group charters basis that these are the regular travellers and that a high percentage of them go first

> Those who spend more than a certain sum on air travel each year—the amount travel each year—the amount varies from airline to airline—are usually inducted into an executive club which confers such privileges as the use of special lounges at airports, priority baggage handling and retrieval, free telephone calls, and facilities for cashing personal cheques.
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> British Airways have recently launched their own special club of this sort, with 19,000 members. The airline also established an executive secretary club with 2,000 members, on the assumption that it is often the woman behind the top executive who influences his travel patterns. The ladies in this exclusive organization are clusive organization are promised information on improvements in service and standards likely to help their bosses, and a number of social occasions for them-selves.

Study tours abroad, cover-ing subjects from agriculture through fashion and fishing, to zoology, are a further way in which the airlines are trying to whip up new busi-uess. The airline fixes up everything, including travel, accommodation, interviews, field visits, and wining and

Lastly, there is the concept of travel as a prize for unusually good work performances in shops, offices or on the factory floor, a concept which the airlines see as potentially the fastest growing of them all.



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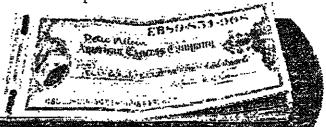
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#### When the mind is pushed to breaking point

ing whether it is really possible to change a person's whole view-point on life suddenly and dramatically, as may have happened-we do not yet know for certain-in the case of Patricia Hearst. The answer is a very definite yes. And such dramatic conversions may occur in the very varied worlds of politicians, priests. psychiatrists, political and civil policemen. In the latter instances, after a considerable period of helping the police in police stations, people suddenly that the police stations of the police stations. start to make statements that they would not make normally, and such signed statements, impossible to withdraw, often lead ro terrible punishment, such as a life sentence or death.

Techniques of totally altering modes of thought and behaviour without any injury to the body have been learned and relearned by trial and error throughout man's history. Normal man is a suggestible animal, and mostly follows the lead and heliefs of hose around him. It is the more abnormal, obsessive or "mad" records who, for years an end, hold on to ideas alien to current he either right or wrong) who are so difficult to change even with modern methods of thought

Methods of brainwashing or making normal people do and think the opposite of their usual behaviour and thought, was scientifically explored by Pavlov with his dogs, and have been found by him and others since to be applicable to man. In simple terms, Pavlov found that if severa payous stress could be if severe nervous stress could be imposed on the brain and be sufficiently prolonged. often at intervals, in the end the brains of dog and man generally responded by developing a state of what he calls "protective inhibition". Such protective inhibition produces, among other effects, two states of brain activity that he called "hyproid" and "ultra paradoxical".

The brain computer is temporarily knocked out

In the first hypnoid phase, brain suggestibility gets greatly increased. Our brain computer gets temporarily knocked out, so to speak, and we start to accept truth or nonsense without using our normal brain computer criticism. Before they were publically banned, hypno-tic demonstrations showed that man will behave both foolishly and irrationally under such conditions, and it is not true that he will always refuse to do things against his normal moral reason

or judgment.
In states of ultra paradoxical brain activity, our previous posi-tive conditioning becomes sudbecomes positive. In man and ing Psychiatrist at St Thomas's dog, there is harred of what was Hospital, and author of Battle previously loved and the accept- for the Mind.

metrically opposed to previously held attitudes. Somebody " helping the police" becomes intent talking and conferring, whereas he was previously determined to keep his mouth shut. Patricia Hearst, for instance, could start to accept views opposite to those she held previously and reject all her previous positive conditioning. Recent Ulster revelations—in cluding the use of induced mental fatigue, fasting, hooding.

persistent disturbing noises, on and off interrogation and so on -show how well Pavlov's teaching has been absorbed and refined by modern political and police medicine. When any diffi-culty arises, one simply adds drugs, such as LSD, which make intelligent resistance even more difficult when used with what is now called "sensory isolation".

the use of pleasant and unsurroundings, and and unkind interrogators. With the pervous system inder stress, surroundings and interrogators are switched at random until the brain breaks down trying to make sense out of the conflicting stimulae and environments, and so goes into protective inhibition.

broken in without harm to body

thousands of people were provenly changed abruptly.

The outcome of the Hearst "conversion", whether true or false, should be followed up

with great interest.

The lesson for us to undercan be "broken in " without any harm being done to the body. Too many people are happy to allow a mind to be put under any stress provided the body is not being injured. But mental suffering is much worse torment and more unbearable than physical suffering, as our large us. Doctors see few people with almost unbearable physical pain, from cancer and the like, kill themselves; but thousands

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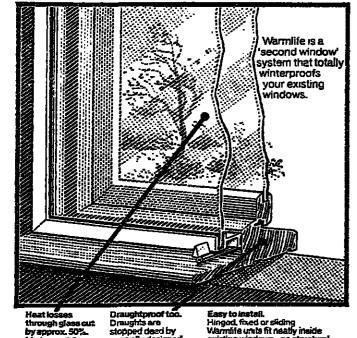
Another well known trick is

Mind can be

When a person has suddenly "switched", careful follow-up and reindoctrination is necessary. Otherwise a rapid switch back may occur. Wesley and Whitfield, in the eighteenth century, made mass sudden conversions with emotion rousing and stressful preaching, but only and stressful preaching, but only Wesley formed small follow-up groups, his class meetings, to stabilize and maintain a faith totally different from that previously held. The lives of

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Pay and the unions: Options that would face a new Tory Government

# How Mr Heath could establish industrial harmony

On Europe Mr Callaghan's boor- of industrial relations that the ishness has been embarressing. Tory dilemma is apparently and his apparent belief that acute. The roters do not want treaties are just scraps of paper, unless entered into by the Labour Party, is alarming or fatuous according to taste. For him, the unity of the Labour Party is evidently more important than the unity of

Europe.
Mr Enoch Powell now thinks that Britain's accession to the EEC irretrievably impairs the country's sovereignty and unac-ceptably downgrades the House of Commons. But the sovereigney argument has not altered over the years, and up to his break with the leadership, Mr Powell was a very strong European. He voted for eury in 1961 and 1967, and his election address in 1966 ended with a plea for the removal of the barriers between Britain and Europe. (Incidentally, that elec-tion address merely mentioned immigration in passing.) While judgment on the economic effects of joining the EEC might vary from time to tisne, that is not true of the sovereignty issue, It is Mr Powell who has changed the issue and Conservative policy have remained the same.

Quite apart from our treaty obligations, the political, indus-trial and defence arguments for Britain staying in Europe are at least as strong as they were in the sixties. If Labour wins the next election, Mr Cailaghan may bluster us out of Europe, in which case the EEC could scarcely be expected to enterscarcely be expected to enter-this country; or the Labour Europeans in the Cabinet might assert themselves and, after being granted a facesaving concession or two by our EEC partners, Labour might resume its pro-Europe stance of 1967-

Be that as it may, the Tory Party, like the Liberal Party and an important part of the present minority Labour Government, is firmly pro-Euro-

perpetual confrontation between government and unions any more than they want the unions to be the effective gorernment. But can confrontation be avoided unless the governnent is always ready to surrender? Because of the present balance of industrial power and the existence of the national-ized industries, a nationalized industry (and behind it the Government) is always likely to faced with a wage demand of such gargantuan proportions that it cannot be conceded. Free market programmes and monetarist theories are simply not relevant to such a situation. Trade union leaders are well aware that where the nationalized industries are concerned, governments have to throw good money after bad; and they also know that a strike in almost any of them brings the

country to a virtual stop. A strong criticism of a statu-tory policy is that it introduces the government into every large wage conflict and, by extending the law into a region where it is not yet accepted, tends to undermine respect for the law in its more traditional

Yet no government can wash its hands of wage claims in the nationalized industries. And if t confines its attention to those industries, it is accused of unfairness to its own employees. Moreover a confrontation can-not necessarily be avoided even without a prices and incomes policy. The miners' strike of 1972 took place in the absence of such a policy. The truth is that the trade unions under present conditions and under their present leadership are able to wreck both "free collec-tive bargaining" and a statu-

A prices and incomes policy does not of itself make a gov-ernment-union confrontation pean. The Conservative commitment remains.

It is on the trade union
questions of pay and prices and

The Conservative commitmuch more probable. In an
unprecedentedly inflationary
world, such a policy is plainly
desirable, and the evidence sug-

The future laws relating to industrial relations can be largely omitted from Conservative policy during the election campaign and the early years of the next Heath Government. To abandon trade union reform would be a suitable demonstration of Salisbury's 'cordiality' on the part of the defeated.9

gests that this is accepted by the voters. There is, therefore, scant temptation for the Tories to change course at the coming

No doubt the statutory policy must be refined, and made much more flexible and selec-tive. It is not only the unions which find statutory control frustrating. No doubt we can and should look foward to a voluntary policy. But until the extremist trade union leaders change their outlook or are replaced, and until the TUC changes its structure so as to gain some control over its members, a voluntary policy is likely to remain a pipe-dream. No doubt also the Labour Party, provided the election is held soon enough for the notion to retain some appearance of plausibility, will make great play of its so-called social compact. The

Conservative Party is in position to make any similar fraudulent claim. And the public may well come to the conclusion that de facto trade union rule is too high a price to pay for trade union good behaviour—especially since that good behaviour—especially since that good behaviour is unlikely to last longer than the next round of

wage claims. And so we come to the question of trade union reform. If, as seems probable, the TUC will not allow Mr Wilson to go to the country before the Industrial Relations Act has been repealed, should the Conservarepeated, should the Conserva-tives pledge themselves at the election to bring back a much improved version of the Act? To do so would be far from com-mitting the folly that Salisbury stigmatized as "sticking to the carcasses of dead policies". As will be awared when the repeat will be argued when the repeal

Act is debated in the Commons, the case for bringing the trade unions under public control is very strong. Nevertheless if one of the major parties commits itself firmly to a position, that in itself may be a sufficient barcapture it, whatever the intrin-sic merits of the case. The resulting public tranquility, which is always a Tory aim, may override the disadvantages

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of forgoing a useful reform.

Besides, there is an impor-tant sense in which trade union reform is more of a Labour Party problem than a Conservarive one. Just as prudent Con-servatives welcomed Mr. Heath's condemnation of the Lonrho affair in a just and memorable phrase, and were pleased by Mr Barber's move last December against property developers (or reclaimers), only regretting that it had not been made earlier, so as soon been made earlier, so as soon as the election was called did Mr Wilson intercede with Aslet on behalf of the Labour Party and vicariously, the London commuters If groups standing behind the main parties abuse their position, the party concerned suffers. Mr Wilson can scarcely believe that his 37 per cent of the vote constituted an enthusiastic mublic endorsement of trade

constituted an entitistation public endorsement of trade union muscle.

Of course, it is nothing new for the Labour Party to be dominated by the unions which created it. Yet it is hard now to remember that the device of the union block vote was abactet to be Sidney Wally to thought up by Sidney Webb to thwart the fanatics and thwart "the fanatics and cranks and extremists" in the constituency parties. Trade Union power was intended to be a sobering force, and often has been. But in recent years that power has been used to edge the Labour Party away from moderation and away from moderation and away from parliamentary democracy. How long the social democrats in the Parliamentary Party will put up with such a state of affairs is anybody's guess. But if Labour loses the next election, Mr. Wilson will be succeeded by a less

to move the party back from the fautasies of Mr Benn and out of domination by the big unious. The new leader will to adapt Mr Wilson's metaphor, shift the union leaders off the pitch and into the supporters'

stand where they belong.
So a new Tory Government would soon be faced with a new sort of Labour Opposition which sort of Labour Opposition which gradually normalized relations with the industrial wing of the party and the relations of both of them with the Tory Government. If this normalization did not occur, Mr Heath would be free to act. But certainly at the outset his stance would be in no sense anti-union. This would be in keeping with both the spirit and the fact of his series of meetings with union leaders. of meetings with union leaders from 1972 onwards.

The future laws relating to industrial relations can, therefore, be largely omitted from Conservative policy during the election campaign and the early years of the next Heath Govern-ment. To abandon trade union reform would be a suitable demonstration of Salisbury's demonstration of Salsoury's
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defeated. It would not be a
Tory apostasy on the Wilsonite
model. For one thing it would not
be making the task of the
opposing party more difficult:
for the Tories to stay their hand would make it easier for the Labour Opposition to bring the unions to heel. For another the union leaders would be an industrial relations Act as an excuse for refusing to cooperate with the elected gov-eriment. For a third, the need or otherwise for another indus-trial relations Act would be demonstrated by events. And, finally, the Tory Party is the guardian of national continuity. Whatever the behaviour of its opponents, it must try to heal the country—not divide it.

The author is Conservative MP To be continued © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974.

#### Bernard Levin

# Wit and wisdom from a sprightly Scot of Scots

once in that admirable bookshop, the Chaucer little in Stratford-upon-Avon, run by the no less admirable Miss Dorothy Withey, when I heard a familiar and much-loved Scots burn behind me. I did not need to turn round to know whose it was, but before I did so to greet its owner, I paused to engrave on the tablets of my memory what he was actually saying. In accents of such horror that they could only belong to an Ayrshire man who saw shillings slipping away from him, Alan (" Jock ") Dent was announcing, even as he undertook, a vigorous reorganization of the arrangement of the books on the shop's central table, in order to ensure that his own most recent publication should be the most prominently dis-

I owe Jock a vast debt of gratitude, by no means to be repaid by a mere thousand words or so of log-rolling. When I began as a boy to go to the theatre, he was the critic of the News Chronicle, and he fed the flames of my enthusiasm with the fuel of his own. I think there are no London theatregalleries any more (and remembering the one I used to sit in at the New Theatre, the discom-fort of which is forever impressed on my mind, and not only on my mind, I cannot say I am sorry), but there were then, and I haunted them night after night; and morning after morn-

account of whatever had opened the evening before. A little later, I discovered

T. C. Worsley, then critic of the New Statesman, and his incisive, cerebral approach per-fectly complemented Jock's flamboyant, engagé style; I little dreamed that I would later spend a good many years at the same unholy trade, still that both the would become good friends of mine. (The influence of a critic enthusiasm can hardly be over-rated; at much the same time, when I was haunting operahouse and concert-hall with a frequency even greater than the thearre, Desmond Shawe-Taylor -still, happily, under the lash in the same galley, at The Sunday Times now-was providing me with the equivalent musical enlightenment in the New Statesman.) After a time, I even found myself disagreeing with Jock's judgments—at first reeling as though I was smoking in church or perhaps I should say practising teetotalism in Troon—and when, for a short time, we were both daily-paper critics together, he for the dying News Chronicle and I for the Daily Express. I waxed furious with him for what I still think

was his grotesque misunder-standing of Arnold Wesker's Roots. But right or wrong, I

for", he said. "One man asked

what it was all about, and another asked which of the

candidates was in favour of

voted and the Conservative, who had to go to work, was relieved

by another candidate, whom I had last met at a Bow Group lunch. During his half-hour stay—he is a lawyer and he had to ha

be in court—the pace quickened.
At one point there were five

voters in the school at one time. Two mothers who had not heard

about the election brought their children to school and one poor

boy burst into tears when he

Shortly before 10 am two of the Labour candidates came to

found he had the morning off.

encourage roe. By that time some 40 people had voted. They said

that was the highest score at any of the polling stations they had visited. At 10 my relief arrived so I went to the office,

my debt paid to democracy, at least for this time.

Although once featured as the

cover cirl of the magazine Soviet Women as a mathe-

matical genius, Sonya Lerner has fallen from grace. She is

a persona so non grata with the Soviet authorities that an em-oassy spokesman in London said: "We don't know anything

Miss Lerner is in London because, she says, the Russians will not allow her family to emigrate to Israel. Her father, Alexander Lerner, was profes-

sor of technical science at the Institute of Automation and Telemechanics in Moscow. He

Irapped

about her

By nine, about 15 people had

read him, and learnd.

want to know why I should sud-denly break into dithyrambs for Alan Dent. Well, in the first place, when I feel like embarrassing my friends in public I need no excuse to do so, and in the second it so happens that I have an excuse. I have just been reading the third in a series of little books he is writing under the general title World of Shake-speare. They are published by Osprey, and they are, so far, respectively Plants; Animals and Monsters; and Sports and Pastimes. Each is, in effect, a catalogue raisonné of references to its subject in Shakespeare, tricked out with all Jock's erudi-

tion, fancy and wit. The erudition is astonishing: I do believe he knows the entire canon by heart, or very nearly. (Some years ago, he sent me a book of Bardic quizzes he had compiled, under the title How Well Do You Know Your Shakespeare? I was so chagrined at the number of questions I got wrong, or couldn't answer at all, that I wrote to him denounc-Shakespearian terms, as a cream-faced loon, a filthy worsted-stockinged knave, a bolting-hutch of beastliness, a demi-devil and an Ebrew Jew; he was most touched.) This being so, it has taken me the deuce of a time to find an omission in

any of the books (I had to find

at least one, you understand, or

Othello's occupation's gone); but in Plants, under " clives " he leaves our what is surely the most famous Shakespearian reference to them, the one in Incertainties now crown themselves

And peace proclaims olives of end-

Actually, I cannot believe that Jock had forgotten it, and sus-pect that he left it out deliberately, because it is from the Sounet that contains the fearsome crux: The mortal moon hath her eclipse

which has caused such dispute because of the clue it may provide for the dating of the Sonnets (is Shakespeare referring to Queen Elizabeth, or, as Dr Hotson insists the Armada, or, as I once dared to suggest in print, only to be abused for my pains by half the fools in England, an eclipse of the moon? And if it is the Queen, has she "endur'd", or survived, the attempt on her life by Dr Lopez, or her "grand climacteric"—that is, her sixtythird year?); perhaps Jock feared that one word out of place in his commentary might have had Dr Rowse bombinaring

at him for evermore. Who but Jock Dent would pause to point out (in the sec-Sports and Postimes) that there is nothing particularly Scottish

Entrants can submit architec

about bagpipes? Who but he (in the entry under "Harpy" in Animals and Mansters) would reveal—or know, for that matter—that "There is also a Harpy-Bat in the East Indies, and a Harpy-Ragle, which is a South American bird of prey"? Who else, in Plants, between "Scents" and "Strawberries", would remember the humble "Straw", and manage to include in his note on it his list of the three greatest Lears of modern times? (Did he, I wonder, ever

times? (Did he, I wonder, ever see the largely unremarked per-formance of William Devlin, which I still regard, after a quarter of a century, as fully worthy to rank alongside Jock's three-Scofield, Gielgud, Olivier ?) From his vast anthology of friends, he has plucked forth three eminent ones to write the

prefaces to these three books: Sir Michael Redgrave for Plants, Sir Ralph Richardson for Animals and Monsters, and Dame Rebecca West for Sports and Pastimes. (She—who is no stranger to uproar—has set the air a-quiver yet again by boldly propounding, in her contribution, the theory that Shake-speare outside his works was a bore, and that the scarcity of contemporary references to him. contemporary references to him is accounted for by the fact that most of his acquaintances shunned him accordingly. For this heresy I was about to propose that she be sentenced to eat in several of the leading restaurants of Stratford-upon-

&I think Simon's ever-

Avon, when, wishing to belabour her with Ben Jonson's famous assertion that he had loved his friend "this side idolatry". I chanced to look up the full context of the remark, and there found this dreadful hint: He . . . had an excellent phan-

tasy, brave notions, and gentle expressions; wherein he flowed with that facility, that sometimes it was necessary he should be stopped; suffiminandus crat.

His wit was in his own power, would the rule of it had been so

So perhaps the Great Dame is right after all. It would not be the first time.)

Anyway, salurations, dear Jock, and may you produce many more of these charming handbooks. You may recall though in your charity you have probably taken care to forget that I was once silly enough to ask you which of the plays was your favourite, and you shook your grizzled head at me and said: "The one I've just seen or read." (I hope, though, you remember telling me of James Agate's magnificent comment on the Garrick Club; "Two-thirds of the present membership would have black balled Garrick"). Anyway, it's no use trying to catch you by asking who, in Shakespeare, is described as "that spright! Scot of Scots", so I will simply conclude by saying that though it wasn't you it ought to have, been.

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# The Times Diary

The slow shuffle of democracy

hounding of me by my local Labour Party, for offences committed in this column during the general election campaign. Arriving home on Wednesday night, exhausted after my visit to strife-torn Essex University, and instructions for a two-hour early morning stint outside a polling station, which I had weakly, but I rhought only tenta-tively, agreed to perform when the agent called on me at the weekend (qv).

There has been no let-up in the

So at a few minutes past 8 am vesterday I marched up to the polling station—a local primary school—and positioned myself outside. I was glad that I beat the Conservative representative by a few minutes. He was one of the candidates, and he drove up in his extremely shabby station wagon at about 8.15.

Polls at borough elections are traditionally light, but to have only five voters in the first half hour seemed exceptionally depressing. I was cheered up by the Conservative, who said that his party's canvasses in the district had shown a 10 to one majority for Labour, which seemed to allow ieeway for fairly massive abstentions. My instructions, which I dared

not violate, were simply to ask people their poll number, not how they had voted. I was not told to try to lure people in to vote, though tempted to do so. A group of five young people came, carrying light luggage. looked as though they might be a pop group and at that stage, had they voted in con-cert, they could have swung the poll dramatically. In the event only two voted. The other three stayed in the school hail, perus-ing the infants' books. Next came a policeman on a

bicycle. Was he here to vote, I asked? "I've come to control the crowds", he replied genially, the crowds?, he replied geniauy, confessing that he was something of an anarchist himself. He emerged about half an hour later scratching his head. "They don't know what they're voting

was dismissed from his post, she says, forbidden to lecture to students and kicked out of the Communist Party when he and his family applied for a visa several years ago. The authorities also refused to grant

Last year Sonya Lerner and her husband again asked for visas and after six months were allowed to leave for Israel. "I don't know why. Perhaps they let me go because I have noth-ing to do with secrets", she said. The Medical and Scientific Committee for Soviet Jewry is sponsoring Miss Lerner's tour. A member of the committee was gloomy about Professor Lerner's visa but said that their campaign
"at least keeps him and the
others out of the prison camps".

Win a bike

The many readers who responded to my comments about the neglect of the pedestrian and the bicycle in transport planning will be interested in a competition which the Royal Institute of British Architects is organizing in connexion with its conference. Towns versus

Usually, RIBA competitions are open only to architects and students, but this time everybody can have a go. The contest is for ideas which will encourage a mixed mobility pat-tern where pedestrians, cyclists and public transport will get a fair crack of the whip. Judith Strong, the competition secre-tary, expects schemes for converting multi-storey car parks into flats, roads into market-places and subways into swim-

tural plans or photo-montages, or simply prose essays. Entries must be mounted on two pieces of A1 board and submitted by June 27. The mobility-con-scious architects are giving three folding bicycles as prizes. No prizes to the reader who complained that the lift at South Kensington underground station had been taken away and pedestrians had to walk up and pedestrians had to walk up from the Piccadilly Line. A number of readers—including London Transport's managing director for railways—have written to say that escalators have been provided instead. Perhaps the reader could not find them.

Loaded

The antique arms business is booming and there are people at the Tower of London Armouries, our oldest national museum, who would like more cash to bid on an equal footing with the Americans, the Geowith the Americans, the Germans, the French and the Japanese. But with a grant of only £8,000 a year, the odds are louded against them.

If they want to buy they have to sell. It saddens Howard Blackmore, keeper of firearms, that nobody minds spending £250,000 on a painting with armour in it, but they do not bother about armour itself when it comes on the market. He was one of three keepers, along with A. R. Dufry, Master of the Armouries, who played hest to the press yesterday before the red carpet unrolled for Prince Philip. He went to open two new galleries—the 16th Century and the Hunting

and Sporting, part of a re-organization begun in 1963. Blackmore managed to beat the Americans two years ago by paying £10,000 for an English pistol. Today it is worth 125,000 and he would have to drop out of the bidding, a

familiar experience. There is an enormous interest

in guns. One American offered



£100,000 for a four-shots-a-minute flintlock breechloader. It was definitely not available, hours on loss from the Ousen being on loan from the Queen A Henry VIII suit of armour, of which the Tower has four, would fetch £500,000.

Flattery

Prince Philip had a busy day yesterday. Before going to the Tower he attended the 1974 exhibition of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters at the Mail

Portrait Painters at the Mall Gallery.

People drew back in waves as the suntained Prince inspected some of the 370 portraits on view. He stopped briefly at a portrait of the Royal family and smiled thinly. Little wonder. The figures in the picture look as though they have been fashioned from wax.

Still, it is not the done thing to knack an artist for his royal portraits. One painter said: "You can never do your best

with royalty. You get nervow and tend to flatter. But artist understand this and forgive on another for the royal paintings. they do."

Write-up

Spotting graffiti is becoming almost as obsessive an occupation as daubing them on walls and there is no let-up in the flow of reports of new and old of reports of new and old examples from all parts of the Nowhere, however.

Nowhere, however, rival Oxford, which now produce DEANS MEANS FINES and WOMEN IN LABOUR KER CAPITAL IN POWER. The manifold ambiguities of the second example, which he graced Gloucester Green her station these pass 10 years station these past 10 years would make a suitable subject

for a prize essay.

From Buenos Aires is reported YANKEES GO HOME!—Vel.

PAN AM, while by the same perform to the rival airline capital sized on all the YANKS GO.

HOME stone by adding By TWA. HOME signs by adding BY TWA Lavatory walls provide GOF IS ALIVE AND WELL AND WORKING ON A LESS AMEN TIOUS PROJECT (Borscht T Tears restaurant, Knightsbridgen and J. R. R. TOLKIEN B. HOBBIT-FORMING (Tage

George, Southwark) There are precious few jokes in the 1,200 and more pages of transcripts President Nixon Presented to the Watergate com mittee. Comoisseurs think the following might be one. It is the tail end of a telephone come tion between Nixon and John Mitchell Nixon said: This thing is just one of those side issues and a month later sway body looks back and wonders what all the shooting was about OK John. Goodnight. Get a god night's sleen And don't but night's sleep. And don't arybody without asking OK? Yeah."



#### FRANCE CHOOSES HER CHOICE

lirty-one million French men id women are called to the polls Sunday to vere for a new resident, but they will not elect new President on Sunday unless ore than half of them vote for e same candidate—an eventualy which, with twelve cardidates i the field, is generally ruled out. he overwhelming probability is lat they will have to vote again a fortnight's time for one or ther of the two leading andidates. It is now generally ssumed that these two will be i François Mitterrand and M.

alery Giscard d'Estaing. Indeed this is now so widely iken for granted that it would or be surprising if some voters ecided to wait until the second illor before voting at all.

That M Mitterrand should be sured of a comfortable lead on e first ballot is not at all surrising. He has the support of all it the most extreme fringe of the ft-wing opposition, while three ; en who have held cabinet posts Estaing, M Jacques Chabanelmas and M Jean Royer.

At the start of the campaign, Chaban-Delmas was credited ith having a short start on M iscard d'Estaing, both by pinion polls and by political andits. This was based on two insiderations: first, he was the indidate of the Gaullist Party Jnion des Democrates pour la épublique) which had ruled rance for the past sixteen years -)d constituted "the majority of e majority". Secondly, he was ought to have a personal appeal the electorate as a former ime Minister of charm and namism who had been good at saling with the trade unions and ad relaxed the Government's introl of radio and television. Giscard d'Estaing by contrast as regarded as a straightforward inservative, lacking the common

uch and hampered by his

responsibility as Finance Minister likely that M Messmer would for the present economic situa-

tion. In the course of the campaign, however, the former of these two supposed advantages (the support of the Gaullist Party) has in part simply failed to materialize and in part transformed itself into a positive handicap which has virtually cancelled out the second advantage (M. Chaban-Delmas' personal record). A large number of prominent Gaullists, including some of those who were closest to President Pompidou, have simply refused to campaign on M Chaban-Delmas' behalf in any way. Their motives for this have not been made fully explicit, but they apparently reflect a certain resentment towards his former Prime Minister felt by the late

President himself. It seems that he did not like the way in which M Chaban-Delmas as Prime Minister sought to build up his own reputation as ider the late President are a progressive, in implicit contrast impeting for the votes which to the conservatism of the Elysée ected him in 1969: M Giscard At the same time he felt that the Government lacked authority, and he was particularly irritated by M Chaban-Delmas' obstinacy in seeking a vote of confidence from Parliament at a moment when he, the President, had already decided on his dismissal. These old resentments were rekindled, among M Pompidou's close associates, by the "indecent haste" with which M Chaban-Delmas announced his candidature, less than forty-eight hours after the President's death.

With these feelings of hostility was mingled, presumably, a genuine doubt whether M Chahan-Delmas was of presidenrial calibre. Yet the only serious Gaullist alternative, M Pierre Messmer, had in nearly two years as Prime Minister failed to build up any public following of his own outside the area of Lorraine where he has his constituency. In view of this it was never very

succeed in persuading Mesors Chaban-Delmas and Giscard Pestaing to withdraw in his favour, and the "Pompidoulions" who urged him to propose this must have known that the main effect of their action would be to weaken the former and strengthen the latter. Implicitly they recognize M Giscard d'Estaing as the best potential President within the ranks of the

ruling majority, and allowed this to override any considerations of strict partly allegiance. The fact is that M Giscard d'Estaing looks, talks and has acted like a man who deserves to be President. Thus betrayed by the "Pompidoulions", M Chaban-Delmas was left as the candidate

of the old guard of Gaullist "barons". His most ardent and most conspicuous supporters were M Michel Debre and the secretary general of the UDR, M Alexandre Sanguinetti. Unfortunately, in the eyes of the public, these men represent the least liberal and most authoritarian aspects of Gaullism (precisely those aspects which, twelve years after the end of the Algerian war and five years after General de Gaulle's departure, it has come to regard as unnecessary and intolerable.

If the opinion polls are confirmed on Sunday (and a lead of thirteen or fourteen percentage points indicated by three successive polls can hardly be wholly imaginary) M Giscard d'Estaing will emerge as the leader of the anticommunist forces, and strict Gaullism as a dominant movement in French internal politics will be at an end. But foreigners would be wrong to suppose that de Gaulle's legacy in foreign policy will also disappear. On the contrary, all their statements suggest that both M Giscard d'Estaing and M Mitterrand intend to preserve the main lines of the General's foreign policy, and in particular his belief in a "European" (as

opposed to Atlantic) Europe.

#### ANOTHER LOOK AT A FAMILIAR INSTITUTION

o one can pretend that there is uch enthusiasm in Fleet Street r the new Royal Commission on e press. By and large the Fleet reet view is that the facts have ranged little since previous iquiries and that a new enquiry li confirm the information tained by previous ones without nding much more satisfactory owever, most people in Fleet treet feel that it would be wrong oppose the setting up of a oyal Commission. The problems Fleet Street are real enough; s we believe in the sovereign irtue of press scrutiny of other

eople, we cannot object to other eople scrutinizing the press. The economic problems are ery serious. The increase in ewsprint prices, and the general crease in costs under inflation, re difficult if not impossible to cover under the present system price control. The result is that ost newspapers were losing oney in the early months of this ear and those few which were ill profitable were making conderably smaller profits than they id been doing the year before, s was seen in Glasgow, when the xpress had to close its plant, the orst pressure comes at the opular end of the market. These mediate problems are made uch more difficult by price

the Royal Commission to issue an interim report might well be directed to an immediate study of the problem of commercial survival for the press in its present diversity.

The press of course extends far outside Fleet Street, and the Royal Commission will be looking at other types of publication than newspapers. Most people consider that the provincial press does a responsible local job in a straightforward and sometimes very constructive manner. Magazines share some of the commercial problems of newspapers, including the increased cost of paper. It is now very difficult to maintain a serious magazine with room for extended discussion, unless its subject matter has high

advertising potential. The press is certainly not popular at the present time, but then the press never has been popular, and a genuinely popular press might well be worthless. This is partly because of our perennial faults. Popular newspapers have a natural tendency to be sensational and trivial, and serious newspapers have a natural tendency to be pompous and self righteous. All newspapers are good at dishing out criticism and bad at taking it.

control, and the power given to Politicians resent newspapers in periods when political life is under criticism, but at such periods politicians and journ-alists tend to be about equally unpopular. To some extent newspapers are the mirror of society; we accurately reflect the fact that the British people are going through one of the bad patches of their history; they do not thank us for telling them their failings, for detailing the warts on John Bull's face.

> What is surprising about the British press is that we still have so many newspapers, although the commercial problems, trade union problems and problems of overmanning have not been solved. This diverse press speaks with diverse voices; anyone who has attended one of the rare and uneasy gatherings of London editors will know the pathological dislike we all have of the least symptom of unanimity. Indeed we are never found in one room unless a politician has been unwise enough to bring us together. The British press is far from perfect, but even at our worst it is probable that one of our number has seen the truth clearly and is telling it. We shall all await the Royal Commission without trepidation if without

#### REFORMING THE SYSTEM OF BAIL

he previous Lord Chancellor, increase the amount of remand ord Hailsham, once described ie procedure of remanding a efendant in custody after fusing him bail as "the only cample in peacetime where a an can be kept in confinement ithout a proper sentence followig conviction after a proper sception to Magna Carta." A ecision to refuse bail is also. aplicitly, a derogation from the resumption of innocence. Where e defendant is at his subsequent ial found guilty and sentenced imprisonment, his previous erm in custody is in practice

etrospectively justified. But in large number of cases a efendant remanded in custody is ther acquitted or if convicted ot given a custodial sentence. It rightly said that many found uilty but set free would have one to prison had they not been to custody on remand. Even so nere are thousands of persons ho should never have been kept 1 custody at all. To compound ae injustice, they have spent me in physical conditions which re in many instances worse than hose which convicted prisoners ave to face.

The Home Office working party in bail procedures in magistrates ourts has taced the problem quarely. The solution is not to

ir. For the price of one modest right out for the family. Mrs Bicknell

April 30) can have a year's riewing.

ase for a rebate ?

rom Mr Danald Madswick

accommodation, but to reduce the number of defendants needing it. The working party has made a large number of recommendations designed to do this. It is never of course possible to have even a near 100 per cent record when what is being decided is based on a forecast of whether a particular defendant will or will not take certain action pending his trial. But the working party's proposals, if implemented; should go some way towards making sure that persons are only denied bail for good reasons founded on the fullest possible information.

The proposal that the court should be obliged to consider granting bail on every occasion. and not only when the defendant asks for it, is welcome. Too often an inarticulate unrepresented defendant has allowed possible release on bail to go by default. The statutory presumption in favour of bail, unless good reasons are shown why it should be granted is unlikely to have a dramatic effect, since the reasons for refusing will still be the same. but it is putting the issue the right way round. The new procedure for gathering information about a defendant's nes in his community should also prove a valuable aid to magistrates who under the present system often have very little to go on when

The working party recommends that a new offence, absconding while on bail, should be created. It believes that the present system of recognizances is not effective in ensuring that the defendant attends when required, because he has so little to lose if he fails to turn up. It feels that a defendant would think again about jumping bail if he knew that, when apprehended, he would be liable to a sentence of imprisonment, and not merely suffer the loss of a small sum of money.

Whether this reasoning is correct is open to question. Many of the reasons for not turning up at court have nothing to do with an assessment of the consequences by the defendant. Moreover, if the possible sentence of imprisonment can be measured in years, the prospect of a few months extra for jumping bail can scarcely be a deterrent. While there are no particular objections to creating the new criminal offence, there is no forceful reason for abandoning the recognizances procedure altogether. The two can exist side by side. It is not difficult to conceive of cases where, for a man of some, but not unlimited, means, the forfeit of several thousands of pounds would be far more important than the threat of a short term of imprisonment.

switch. She can revel in it, swim in it. drown in it, for several hours a day, month in end month out. Yet the prospect of a few weeks with the emphasis on sport an activity she happens personally to dislike, is

coming to their decision.

enough for her to ask for part of ntire world of music, philosophy. her money back.

Irana, travel, history and current affairs is brought to her in her living coming to? Even if one disapproves of 30 per cent of the programmesthan that she reach out and press a and many do—the cost of the licence

is still fantastically cheap at the price. Were we not totally conditioned to luxuries beyond the wildest dreams of our forebears, we would regard even £2 a week as the bargain of the century.

Yours faithfully. DONALD MADGWICK. 11 Quadrant Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. April 30.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Providing subsidies for the arts

From Lord Drogheda Sir, The Chairman of the Arts Council has written you a very compelling letter about subsidies for the arts (April 30). I think it is true to say that so far the present Government have not made any declaration of policy in this field, but I should like to express the hope that when they do so they will reaffirm their support for the plans and policies cut-lined in the White Paper A Policy for the Arts which was presented to Parliament in February, 1965, when Mr Harold Wilson was Prime Minis-

The White Paper was produced a short while after Miss Jennie (now Baroness; Lee's appointment as the first Minister for the Arts; and a fine and inspiring document it is, as sound today as it was then.

Jennie Lee, as is well known, set an example which no Tory Minister following her would have dreamed of ignoring. Indeed, in the House of Lords on March 22, 1972, Lord Eccles, who was then the Minister in charge of the arts, took pride in announcing plans for regular and significant in-creases in real terms in the sums to be made available to the Arts Council.

However, a Tory Chancellor, Mr Anthony Barber, created a very seri-ous situation for the performing arts by his decision to impose 10 per cent VAT. Tais meant that from April 1, 1973, seat prices had to be raised by a roughly equivalent percentage with-out any benefit to the theatres and concert halls. The blow came at a time of rapid inflation, when in-creased revenue was vitally needed in order to keep in step with rising costs, but to obtain such revenue would have meant increasing prices by an unacceptable 15 or 20 per cent.

During the course of the debate on the Finance Bill, on May 11, 1972, Mr Barber gave pretty firm assurances that, to the extent that the subsidized theatres and concert halls suffered, additional funds would be made available to the Arts Council to enable the blow to be minimized. But of course Mr Barber is no longer there to fulfil his undertaking, which upon a change of Government is not binding upon his successor.

There is, I believe, a convention that in a matter which is not the subject of political disagreement a solemn undertaking given by one Minister is honoured by his successor : and since the Labour Party when in Opposition were highly critical of the imposition of VAT on the live theatre it is sincerely to be hoped that Mr Denis Healey will place the Arts Council in a position to honour Mr Barber's piedge; and more importantly, looking further ahead, that he will provide the means to give practical effect to the policies outlined in Jennie Lee's White Paper of Fabruary, 1965.

Yours, etc. DROGHEDA, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2. May 2.

#### London rates

From Mr Illtyd Harrington Sir, I had hoped that there would be no need to draw the attention of your intelligent and perceptive readers to the fact that Horace Cutler's protest over London rates (April 25) was simply a smoke screen to cover his well publicised indiscretion within the cover his well publicised indiscretion within the content of the cover his well publicised indiscretion within the content of the cover his well publicised indiscretion within the content of the cover his well publicised indiscretion within the content of the cover his well as the cover his wel indiscretion urging Londoners not to pay their rates until the last moment or to withold part of them.

But I am sorry to say that in some boroughs rate income is not coming in as fast as it should do, Paradoxic-ally this is not because Londoners are so irresponsible as to follow Horace Cutler's advice with its lawless implication; it is because local authority employees are striking for an addition to London weighting in their pay packets.

What kind of answer to the problems of maintaining public service London can be expected of a man who has the gall to boast that when he was County Hall's "Chancellor" rates did not rise at a time of inflation. At least he should have the grace to remain silent when others have to pick up the bill; a bill which is higher than it need have been be-cause of false confidence that his Government would hold back infla-

When Mr Cutler attacks the 45 per cent rise in rates, he fails to mention that we are holding down rents and fares. The least Mir Cutier should do is to tell those who he has asked to withhold rates how much extra to give to the bus conductor and the rent collector.

ILLTYD HARRINGTON, Deputy Leader of the GLC. The County Hall, SE1 May 2.

#### Farming policy From Mr James Gladstone

Sir, As you say in your leader of April 22, food subsidies are "a gamble on future plenty—a gamble which, historically, has often failed ". It will fail again unless farmers are given a clear indication of what they are supposed to be producing. May I be allowed one example of the

complete uncertainty left by the succession of ad hoc measures that masquerade as agricultural policy? Last year dairy farmers were being encouraged to stop producing milk and switch to beer. The Dairy to Beef Conversion Scheme prom-

ised an average £140 for every dairy row sent to the slaughterneuse and replaced by a beef animal. Then came this year's price review and an increased price for milk . . . fast followed by the new government's removal of all support arrangements for beef. What price the conversion scheme now?

The question is simple: is there, in London or Brussels, a five, three (or one) year plan for British agriculture?

With such a plan the "gamble on future plenty" need never again fail; for given realistic returns and attainable targets, British farmers have the experience, machinery, facilities, stock and employees to do anything asked of them. Yours faithfully, JAMES GLADSTONE,

Donnington Grove,

Newbury, Berkshire.

April 28.

#### A return to the gold standard

From Mr John Parteeus

Sir, I am no follower of the anti-gold school of thought and I agree with your thesis (May I) that the decisive moment in recent monetary history was in August 1971, when the United States nauled up the gold anchor, thus leaving all currencies drifting and, as it now turns out, on a lee Shore). However, no service is done to the

cause of restoring gold to its place as a stabilising intluence in monetary attains by quoting the wrong figures about its price history. Your sub-heading outlining the price history of gold from the time of Philip of Macedon to that of Queen Victoria (in effect for almost the whole period of monetary history save the first century and the last) is seriously misleading since you quote gold only in terms of silver. For almost all that time silver too was a monetary metal; and for some six of the 22 centuries Europe was on a silver standard to the exclusion of

Bimetallism depends upon a more or less stable relationship between gold and silver. Had you quoted the purchasing power of Philip's stater against Victoria's sovereign in terms of shoes, sheep or sheeves of corn you would have reached a very different conclusion, namely that its purchasing power declines, but slowly. This is part of its attractions as a monetary base: that it is a sound store of value, if that is what you need, but it is still better used than locked up. Yours faithfully, JOHN PORTEOUS

Elgin Crescent, W11.

From Professor Frederic Jones Sir, The Times is to be congratulated on printing the article by William Rees-Mogg (May 1) recommending a return to the gold standard. Undoubtedly, such a return would provide the necessary discipline to prevent inflation; but, if it were operated on its own within the pre-mailing according without the pre-mailing according without the pre-mailing according to the standard to the stand vailing economic system, it would inevitably lead to greater unemploy-ment, as Mr Rees-Mogg admits.

What needs to be introduced at the What needs to be introduced at the same time, therefore, is a non-initationary stimulus to production. Only one effective one exists: an annual tax on all land values (in towns as well as in the country), whethere he had in question is being whether the land in question is being used to its maximum potential or not. This tax will be a direct economic stimulus to the wise use of resources; and, unless the government continues to go in for large-scale deficit financing, it should prove sufficient to keep the economy buovant. Yours sincerely,

F. j. JONES, University College, Cardiff.

From Mr Michael Kuczynski

Sir, In the absence of a gold base the world's supply of money is deter-mined by a mixture of the public's initiatives and the actions of govern-ments. The public (financial intermediaries and others) can choose what and how much of it, to regard money; from beads to Eurodollars, they are in the business of supplying money for themselves. Governments try to rule this behaviour: if past history is any guide the odds are that, without the hegemony of one state, governments will more often act at cross-purposes than in coordinated fashion.

Add a base of gold to the system, and you add two further influences on the world's supply of money: the actions of gold producers (and nonpanl: hoarders) and the collective wisdom of those who, from time to time, set the price of gold fin terms of different monies). It is hard to see why the chances of achieving satisfactory growth in the world's supply of money (not too much, not too little, distributed to no group's disadvantage) should be ennanced at all.

From Darius to date, wealth, stability, and equity have seldom, if eyer, coexisted on a reasonably global scale for more than a few years at a stretch. The cause lies not in the niceties of the treatment of gold by successive rulers, but in the little wisdom with which the world is governed. Those who, like yourself. extol the virtues of the nineteenth-century gold standard should direct their attention to events at the con-

tines of the Empire.
I ani, Sir, respectfully yours,
MICHAEL KUCZYNSKI,
Pembroke College.

From Mr Maurice Nadin
Sir, Your article on the crisis of
paper currencies is fully acceptable
to a great many people. What you
do not say is that inflation has
become more acceptable than the cure. As a nation we are apprehen-sive of deflationary policies so that anything akin to a steady real value for the currency appears to be unacceptable.

Maintenance of the purchasing power of the currency is a respon-sibility of the government and no one else, and follows after only defence of the realm and maintenance of law and order. Yours etc. MAURICE NADIN,

Blackhouse, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey. May 1.

From Mr Walter Salomon Sir, With reference to your discussion paper on inflation in The Times today (May 1), the inflationary rise in prices has been matched only by the inflationary promises made by successive governments. It is in no way connected with the gold stan-dard and I think one could reasonably pose the question whether, if the gold standard were reintroduced, it would not mean, amongst other things, that if the producing coun-ries decided to halt the export of gold—as the OPEC countries decided recently to halt the export of oil-the monerary system would come to a halt, as the industrial system nearly did.

One thing is necessary above all: "A new respect for money and the ethical principles associated with economic and monetary policy." In support of this an autonomous outside disciplinary body, ie, an inter-national central bank which has the same disciplinary power over the national central banks as the national central banks have over the commercial banks should be set up. This should be coupled internally with creating a sound medium of exchange, ie, correcting values on the widest possible front.

Yours sincerely, WALTER H. SALOMON, Chairman,

#### Rea Brothers Ltd, 36, 37 King Street, EC2.

#### Press, privacy and corruption From the Editor of The Sunday

Sir, Mr Donald Tyerman nes such a pedigree that this dog perhaps ought to be grateful for the quality of his bite. He takes me to task (Letters, May 1) for saying that iournalists are dedicated to the ruth and somebow construes this to mean that the truth is to be pur-sued even behind the lace curtains sted even bening the lace curtains of Saxmundham. This has never been my position. I deplore invasions of personal privacy. I deplore them as much as I find contemptible the cry privacy" to protect matters of genuine public concern. What I would contend is very simply this: that those who seek to introduce a pious law of privacy should have the onus on them to demonstrate that it will not at the same time frustrate inquiry into matters of real public

importance importance.

Lord Bryce put it well: "That which we may call the genius of universal publicity has some disagreeable results... but the wholesome ones are greater and more numerous.... No serious evils, a multiple core on the body politic. no rankling sore on the body politic, can remain long concealed, and when disclosed is half destroyed". The fatal defect in Britain is not

the occasional excess of the press. It is the statutory concealment of the truth. There is no access to public records of the kind that makes investigation of public conduct so much easier in the United States. Yet today we have talk of still further limiting the powers of inquiry we exercise on behalf of the

citizen, Yours faithfully, HAROLD EVANS, Editor The Sunday Times. 200 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

From Sir Ronald Johnson Sir. Your leader of April 30 asks whether the contract awarding estivity of public bodies has bred a reprehensible type of conduct. It is proper to ask the question, but to the extent that it is prompted by the Poulson affair it should be remembered, first, that one of Poulson's co-accused has appealed against conviction and that throughcut his long trial no single instance was alleged of a contract or other public favour having been given; and secondly that since the other defendants pled guilty there is very scanty information about what they actually may have done on the public record. Yours faithfully. RONALD JOHNSON,

14 Eglinton Crescent, Edinburgh.

From the Master of Birkbeck College Sir, In fairness to Mr Edward Short and many others, including Mr T. Dan Smith himself, would the BBC now rerup their other programme on Mr Smith, the one they screened in his heyday—assuming that the tape has not been destroyed? Yours faithfully,

R. C. TRESS. Chairman, South-West Economic Planning Council, 1965-68, Eirkbeck College, Malet Street, WCL

#### Average intelligence? From Miss Alice Leisenring

Sir, What, in the name of heaven, is average intelligence"? The most altruistic, the most courteous, the most hardworking, the happiest person I ever knew was an ancient gardener, a super gardener, who did not read or write. He was all the more intelligent, without writing memory is perfect. Getting O levels does not make one a good gardener, carpenter, painter (artist) or intelligent Yours faithfully ALICE LEISENRING Rendham Old Vicarage.

#### Government of Wales

From Dr T. M. Ryan

Sir, I see some force in the President of Plaid Cymru's contention (April 25) that "government by the Welch Office is virtually govern-ment by bureaucracy". This view has been lent added cogency by the recent reallocation of functions respecting Health Service administration in Wales.

Throughout England laymen and people from the health professions have an opportunity to participate in the determination of policies and priorities through membership of Regional Kealth Authorities

In the principality, however, func-tions performed by the Welsh Hos-

pital Board were not transferred to an equivalent Welsh Health Authority on April 1; most of the important functions were absorbed into the Welsh Office.

Saxmondham.

Suffolk:

It is not at all clear that this move will give rise to greater administrative efficiency. What is certain is that Health Service planning in Wales is now less accountable to the public than in the English regions. ours faithfully,

T. M. RYAN, Department of Social Administration, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea.

#### Shared schools in Northern Ireland

From the Architshop of Cardiff Sir, All of up who have witnessed the agony of good Catholics and Protes-lants in Northern Ireland in the face of a violent minority are witning to clutch at straws in our desperate desire for peace. One has, merefore, every sympathy with the Northern Ireland Assembly's Minister of Education when he suggests shared schools. But there are straws which make bricks and can build, and there are straws that can make for even more fearful division and destruc-

The Minister is reported as saying that he "would be glad if his sug-gestion stirred up controversy". I too would rejoice and would prefer controversy to violence. But I have a terrible fear that we would be placing a new recruiting weapon in the hands of the IRA.

During all that period now justly remedied, when Catholics were underprivilezed in Northern Ireland, one thing they enjoyed in common with all their fellow Cathorics in the United Kingdom was sacrosoner; the right to educate their children in their own schools. Must this privilege now be taken from them an men be given an argument for attacking that one structure which gives hope in Northern Ireland, the new Assembly? I make no mention of the fact that

the only serious sociological study to have been made into this matter has come up with no evidence what-soever to prove that the dual system soever to prove that the Cust system is divisive—as if we had not enough proof of this in our harmonious communities in England and Wales.
Yours faithfully,
#JOHN A. MUPPRY, Archbishop of Cardiff.

Archbehop's House. Whitehurch. Card fi. May 1.

#### Selection in aducation From Sir Dermond Lec-

Sir, The reply to Mr. Tyrrell Burgess is also simple. A vast amount of the subject matter of education is given. The facts and methods or science, the procedure of mathematics, the structure of languages. They cannot be adapted to people; education has to discover by selection, people's aptitudes for them, and the best way of teaching them. The "impertinence" and, as we are at present seeing the "tyranny" lies on the side of Mr Burgess and his friends, who obscure the processes of educa-tion and will not tolerate any but their own system. Yours faithfully, DESMOND LEE, 8 Barton Close.

#### National parks

Cambridge. April 26.

From Mr Norman Hudson Sir, In his objections to the recruit-ment of additional staff for National Parks, Mr Cowley (May 1) has fallen victim to the fundamental fallacy in arguments against management of visitors to the countryside. He has assumed that there is a clear choice between people managed and pro-rided for and no people. There is

not.
It is in the interest of preserving the beauty of National Parks, the people who live in them and those that visit, that there is a proper management policy which will include the development of some projects that will both accommodate and through interpretative techniques educate visitors.

Some day-visitors to the country-

side will settle for a form of con-centrated countryside as provided by country parks and by the delibgrate creation and mana ement of such filters, human pressure may be drawn away from sensitive and vulnerable areas, leaving the wilder areas for those who prefer a degree of solitude.

Froner management is the key to the preservation of National Parks and our rural conservation problems. The ever rising tide of visitors provided for and directed to places and activities where they will do least damage is far preferable to that same tide running where it will Yours faithfully.
NORMAN HUDSON.

Pear Tree Chrisge, Upper Wardington near Banbury, Oxfordshire.

#### Wearned un in The Times From Vice-Admiral Sir David

Clutterbuck Sir. The news that Mr Spriggs finds The Times satisfactory for wrapping archaeological specimens in Central America should not blind us to the news simultaneously reported else-where ther fish and chips will soon be extinct. I suspect that the reason is much less the price of fish than the quality of printers ink now in use. It comes off on everything, and doubtless with special freedom on hor, moist cod. Less august newspapers are of course more in demand for this purpose, but could not The Times nevertheless set an example of greater indelibility?

Yours truly, DAVID CLUTT TOUCK, Administrative I rentor. Bus ness Gradua er Association Ltd. 2 Albert Gate, \$11.

From Mr N. D. J. Lanz

Sir, I once purchased, in the Grand Estear of Istanbul and at ruinnus expense, an elderly musical about five feet iong and with a stock riddled with woodworm. I wrapped it most carefully in copies of the airmail edition of The Times, and

drove home with it.
Of course, it arrived in one piece. But I was even more impressed by the fact that at the innumerable border posts on the journey, from a Turkish Nissen hur to a wet and crowded Dover at four in the morning. The Times seemed to insulate it completely from more than a cursory giance from a comprehensive selection of Europe's customs officers. I cannot say, Sir, what might have happened had I sought the protection of a lesser journal. Yours faithfully,

D. J. LANE. 53 Sheldon Avenue, No. May 1

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Latest appointments:

Diocese of Birmingham

Canon J. C. McCallum, Vicar of St
Michaela, Boidmer, as Canon Emeritus of
Birmingham

Canona J. M. M. Vicar of All Saints',
Kings Heath, as Canon Emeritus of Birmingham Calhedra.

Diocese of Exeter
Th. Re: Dr E. J. Prike, priction-charge
of Esst Portignouth and on the staff of
the College of ht Mark and St. John. Phyamounts, to be Rector of Fast Portlemouth.
The Rev K. Wood, Victor of S. Johnstee,
Plymouth, to be Rector of Theriton Blistop. Diocese of Oxford Diocese of Oxford

In Red J. F. E. Bont, Viv.: of Datchet.

10 ha ha D. Rural Dean of Brinham.

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Glen Parts with Sould Waydon, diocese of Light Parts.

Light Waydon, diocese of Canon H. First Waydon, Canon H. First Vicar of Caloring, to be also Rural Dean of Chipring Notion.

Canon F. M. B. Green. "Vitalization of Souldwell, in the Rection of St. Aldate with Holy Trinny.

The Red L. F. Webber, Vicar of Holy Trailiv, Aboration, Port Tailbut, diocese of Light-Bill, diocese of Light-Bill, diocese of Light-Bill, diocese of Light-Bill, to be team Vicar for Sanjonburn Education and Community Campus, team Vicar of St. James, Nen Bradwell.



# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
May 2: The Queen of Denmark
drove from Windsor Castle this
morning to visit the Ancient Monuments Laboratory of the Department of the Environment. Fortress House, Savile Row, London, and was received by Mr C. R. Morris.
MP (Minister of State (Urban

Affairs)).
Her Majesty then visited the Society of Antiquaries of London in Burlington House, was received by the President of the Society (Dr. Nowell Myres) and attended a Reception given by the President and Members in the Library of the

and Members in the Library of the Society.

The Queen of Denmark was subsequently received by Sir Thomas Mountagton (President of the Royal Academy), the Right Hou Anthony Crosland, MP (Secretary of State for the Environment) and Mrs Crosland 22 the Royal Academy of Arts and was entertained at a luncheon given by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

luncheon given by the Secretary of State for the Environment.
This afternoon Her Majesty visited the Prior Weston Primary School (Headmaster, Mr Henry Pluckrose). Whitecross Street and was received by the Mayor of the London Rorough of Islington (Councillor Harry Reid) and the Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority (Mrs Florence Whitnall).
Having visited the Barbican.

Whitnall).

Having visited the Barbican, where The Queen of Denmark was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Alderman Sir Hugh Wontner), Her Majesty visited the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace and was received by the Crown Equerry (Lieutenant-Colonel John Miller).

The Prince of Denmark this

Miller).

The Prince of Denmark this morning travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Windsor Castle to visit the British Leyland Motor Corporation Factory, Long-bridge. His Royal Highness was received

upon arrival by the Earl of Ayles-ford (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant for the County of West Mid-lands) and at the factory Offices by the Lord Stokes.

The Prince of Denmark toured the factory and was entertained at luncheon

After visiting the Engineering Department and Styling Studio this

Lord Uvedale's bequest

IO Church
Lord Uvedale of North End. of Golders Green, former surgeon at Manor House Hospital, Golders Green, the trade union hospital, left 5105,238 net (duty paid, £43,539). He left £15,000 as a trust fund to pay £200 a year for the benefit of Jubilce Methodist Church, Marple Bridge. Compstall, Cheshire, with the remainder of the income to his wife for life, and then the balance of the fund for the benefit of the Jubilce Methodist Church.

Methodist Church.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be

payable on some estates); Coussmaker. Mr Arthur Blakeney, of South Kensington (duty paid, £129,715) . £247.143

minster (duty paid, £28,847)

£157,620

Mendes, Mr Lothar, of Kiiburn, film producer, intestate ... £2,320

Oman, Mrs Joan, of Putney (duty paid, £19,588)

Phillips, Mrs Margaret Geneviere, of South Kensington (duty paid, £17,095)

Reynolds, Mr Reginald James, of Bristol (duty paid, £46,369)

Turner, Elisabeth, of Bognor Regis

Turner, Elisabeth, of Bognor Regis (duty paid, £45,231) 538,366 Wignall, Mr Romald Whaley, of King's Lynn (duty paid, £55,784) £129,818

New Privy Councillor

Lord Justice Ormrod has been made a Privy Councillor after his appointment as a Lord Justice of

Latest wills

to church

afternoon. His Royal Highness left by an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Buckingham Palace.

The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark were later present at a Reception for the Danish Community at the Banquet-ing House, Whitehall, and were received upon crival by His Excellency the Danish Ambassador and Madame Kristiansed.

The Ladies and Geurlemen of the Danish and British Suites were

the Danish and British Suites were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark

Mark Printips and Captain wark Phillips, were entertained at a Ban-quet this evening by The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Den-mark at Claridges. The Duchess of Grafton and Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charterls were in atten-

Sir Martin Gratters were in man-dance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Royal Society of Portrait Painters Exhibition at the Mall Galleries.

His Royal Highness, as Patron, then attended the National Asso-ciation of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland's Pre-Confer-ses function at the Hilton Hotel. ence luncheon at the Hilton Hotel.

This afternoon, The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Armouries.

HM Tower of London, was received by the Constable (Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull), and declared open the new salleries.

the new galleries. Captain Vyvyan Harmsworth was in attendance. By command of The Oueen, the By command of The Oueen, the Lord Garnsworthy (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon and the Earl of Snowdon for the United States of America and Canada and bade farewell to Her Royal Eighness and the Earl of Snowdon on behalf of Her Majesty.

Snowdon on behalf of Her Majesty. CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
May 2: Lieutenant-Colonel John
Venner today had the honour of
heing received by Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother. Colonel-inchief. The Queen's Own Hussars,
upon relinquishing his appointment
as Commanding Officer of the
Resiment

Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Rucker
also had the bonour of being
received by Her Majesty upon
assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of The Queen's
Own Hussars.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother was entertained at a San-

Mother was entertained at a Ban-ouer this evening by The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Den-mark at Claridge's. The Duchess of Abercorn was in KENSINGTON PALACE

May 2: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon and The Earl of Snowdon, attended by The

Department of the Environment

The Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Crosland were hosts vesterday at a luncheout for the Queen of Denmark held at

Burlington House. The guests

Burlington House. The guests were:

Ver Kristiansen, Lord Hamilton of Daizeltouniers Armiel', Sir Lorina: Manatherion 
Sir Limes, Jones, Sir Enbert Marshill, Sir 
Sedward Mar Dame, Kaihten Krahon, Sir 
Nordline Parter, Mr. Hand her in Mr. 
Mr. C. R. Morris, Mp. Dir Nozell Mores, 
Mr. A. Sraik, Professor W. F. Grimes, Profersor Grainm Class, Professor of John EssenDr. Marshire Western, D. Armold Leyfor, Mr. 
Netter Lipman and Mr. V. O. Sampeon.

Mrs Judith Hart, Minister of Over-

seas Development, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Dr

A. H. Boerma, Director-General of

the UN Food and Agriculture

Air Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a lun-cheon given at the Hispaniola

restaurant in honour of Lieutenant-General G. Eklund, Chief of De-fence Staff, Sweden.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth

Writers Associateon of Britain

Writers Association of Britain
Sir Alec Douglas-Home, MP, was
the guest of honour at a luncheon
given by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of
Britain yesterday at the Waldorf
Hotel. Mr John Dickie, president,
was in the chair. Others present
included:

included: Lady Dougla-Home, Mr. J. Dickit, the Swedish Ambiguator, the Duke of St. Albent, Lord Michells, Gordon Lonnox and Mr. Renald Alberts.

Foreign and Commonwealth

Luncheons

HMI Government

Ministry of Defence

Reception

A knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Justice Purchas after his appointment as a High Court Judge. Foreign and Commonwealth

Hon Mrs Wills, The Lord Napier and Ettrick and Group Captain M. A. D'Arcy, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in a Bueing 747 of British Airways to visit the United States of America and Canada.

Her Royal Highness and Lord Spawdon were received at the

Snawdon were received at the Airport by His Excellency The Hos Walter H. Annenberg (Ambassador of the United States of America), His Excellency Mr J. H. Warren (High Commissioner for Canada), Sir David Scott-Fox (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs). Mr B. W. Bampfylde (Deputy Chief Execu-

tive British Airways Overseas Division) and Mr P. Whitford (Deputy Director, Heathrow Airport). KENSINGTON PALACE

May 2: Prince Richard of Gloucester was entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark at Claridge's.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE May 2: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Queen of Den-mark and The Prince of Denmark at Claridge's. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

May 2: Princess Alexandra was entertained at a Banquet this even-ing by The Queen of Denmark and The Prince of Denmark at Claridge's.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Design Council Awards for 1974 at the Commercial Union Assurance Company. Limited, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft. London. EC, on May 23.

The Prince of Wales will visit Wales on May 23 and 24 to carry our sugagements in comession with the Prince of Wales's Committee

The Duke of Kent will attend a dinner given on May 16 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at Lancaster House for the Garman-French Delegation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, of which he is president. A memorial service for Sir Ronald Russell will take place at St Mar-garet's, Westminster, on May 9 at 1000n.

Birthdays today Sir Michael Duff, 67; Earl of Dundee, 72; Sir William Glock, 66; Major-General Sir Ralph Hone, 78; Right Rev Dr J. R. Richards, 73; Sir George Paget Thomson, 82; Sir Martin Wallace, 76.

Affairs, was host last night at a reception held at Lancaster House in honour of those taking part in the 161st Wilton Park Conference.

**Dinners** 

Booker McConnell

Royal Aeronautical Society

Institution of Mining and Metallurgy

quests were received by the president. Dr G. S. Hislop.

The annual dinner of the Institu

House of Lords

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. D. Bower and Miss M. R. Peterson

and Miss M. R. Peterson
The engagement is amounted
between Stephen David, elder son
of Mr and Mrs M. H. Bower, of 9
Oakfield Road. Newtastle apon
Tyne, 3, and Marion Ruth,
daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Peterson, of Davion House, Oakhurst
Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.

Mr P. S. Bush and Miss M. Griffiths

and Miss M. Griffiths.

The marriage will take place on June 29 at St Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill, between Mr Peper Stewart Bush, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Bush, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol and Miss Marilyn Griffiths, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald R. Griffiths, of South Ascot, Parkething will be supported by the state of the sun o

Mr D. Saint John de Crèvecneur and Miss E. M. Flanagan The engagement is audounced between Dominique, only son of the late Captain Etienne Saint John de Crèvecoeur, of Montesquiou, Gers, France, and Mme Inna Saint John de Crèvecoeur, of Paris, and Elleen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Flanagan, of Wimbledon.

Mr J. Roberts and Miss M. G. Talbot and Miss M. G. Talbot
The marriage will take place
shortly of John Roberts, of
L'Etoquet Housa, St Ouen, Jersey,
elder son of the late Joseph Henry
Nicholson Roberts and Mrs
Roberts, and Maryan Gwyneth
Talbot, of La Haule, Jersey,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick
E. Astron Talbot, of Arrowhead
Drive, St Petersburg, Florida,
United States, formerly of Toropto,
Canada, and Gloucestershire.

Lieutenaut-Commander W. B. Stawell, RN and Miss J. M. Garvin The engagement is announced between James, son of Major-General and Mrs W. A. M. Stawell, of Park Hill, Oulton, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, and Jessica, daughter of Mr Stephen Garvin. of 13 Alexander Place, London, SW7, and the late Mrs G. C. Garvin.

Mr R. P. N. Temperley and Miss P. M. D. C. Tolmie and Miss P. M. D. C. Tolmic
The engagement is announced, and
the marriage will take place at
Muchelney on May 25, between
Humphrey, youngest son of Professor and Mrs H. N. V. Temperley, of Thorney House, Thorney,
Langport, Somerset, and Deirdre,
daughter of Mrs J. S. Tolmic, of
Queen's Club Gardens and Tudor
House, Muchelney, Langport,
Somerset, and the late Mr J. S.
Tolmic.

Institution was proposed by Lord Zuckerman and acknowledged by the president. The toast of our

guests was proposed by Mr K. C. G. Heath, president-elect, and Dr H. M. Finniston, President of the

# Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd and Mrs A. Lacloche

The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton, and Arabella, only daughter of Signor Piero Parisi, of Rome, and the late Signora Parisi.

The engagement is announced between Peter Collins, of St Edmund Ball, Oxford, son of the

Venetia, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. W. Russell, of 19 Eaton Place,

Dr L Kovar The engagement is announced between liva, only son of Mrs Nina Kovar and the late Victor Kovar, of Sydney, Australia, and Cynthia Rose, only daughter of Mrs Molly Sencier, of London.

Mr W. J. Lear and Miss J. Hopkirk

The engagement is amounced between Bill Lear, second son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Lear, of Newick, Sussex, and Joyce Hopkirk, elder daughter of Mrs V. Nicholson, of Lewington, Newcastle, and of the late Mr W. Nicholson.

Mr J. Ll. T. Newbegin and Miss C-R. N. Heather

The engagement is announced between join Liywelyn Tracy, son of Mr and Mrs Tracy Newbegin, of Marsascala, Malta, GC, and Camilla-Rose Noël, daughter of the late Mr G. P. Heather and Mrs R. Stewart-Jones, of Harcourt House, West Dean, Chichester, Sussex.

Mr M. Park and Miss A. G. Graham

The engagement is announced between Mungo, only son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Park, of Carraig Breac, Bafly, co Dublin, and Anna Georgina, only daughter of Major and Mrs J. P. N. Graham, of Box 545, Kitale, Kenya.

Mr G. J. Remnant and Miss A. V. Gallep and subs A. v. carep

The engagement is announced
between Giles Jasper, younger son
of Mr and Mrs H. F. Remnant, of
Natrobi. Kenya, and Alison Vic-Nairobi, Kenya, and Alison Vic-toria, younger daughter of Mrs T. Gallop and the late Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Gallop, of Leather-

Marriage

Mr R. P. A. Shine and Miss C. S. J. Clarke The marriage took place on May 2 of Mr Roger Shine, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Shine, of Hampstead, London, and Miss Christine Clarke, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holmes Clarke, of Broadstairs, Kent

#### Supper parties

Commonwealth Parliamentary

The President of the Common The President of the Common-wealth Parliamentary Association, Mr Stanley Tillekeratne, Speaker of the National State Assembly, Ceylon, and the homorary treasurer, Mr Arthur Bottomley, MP, received the guests at a buffer supper given by the General Coun-cil last night at 7 Old Palace Yard in honour of the members of Com-monwealth legislatures attending the spring parliamentary visit.

Port of London Anthority The Director-General of the Port of London Authority and Mrs John Lunch gave a supper party on board the PLA motor launch Nore last night at which the following EST MENT SK WINCH INC TOHOWANG guests were present:
The Harb Commissioner for Australia, and Mrs Arustrong, Sir Merk and Lady Turner, Professor and Mrs A. J. Harris, Mr and Mrs R. M. Bakenson, Mr and Mrs H. McOue, Mr and Mrs H. W. Robon, Mr and Mrs G. A. Weight.

#### Royal Schools of

Music scholarships The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music has awarded the following scholarships:

Kelly, Flettwood (trombose), Royal M. F. Kelly, Flettwood itrembone). Reval Academy of Music: T. M. Carry, Chelmsford, (bisnoforte): R. J. Crawick, of Pasham. Sussex (violiti): Amanda V. Jones, of Stransea theory: Carls-thre A. Pendrill, of Reignte (obse): and Vi-toris M. A. Wood, of Orphysion (wheel Reval College of Music.

l'oday's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a reception by the Salvation Army, St James's Palace, 4.15.
Exhibition commemorating the centenary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937); Science Museum, 10-6.
Exhibition of English toy theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, Scala Street, 10-5. Street, 10.5.

HMS Belfast, naval museum, Pool of Loudon, 11-6.

Poets in Person, Martin Booth, Jim Burns and Nicki Jackowska, the Poetry Society, Earls Court Square, 7.30.

University news Oxford

Orford

In congregation yesterday the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred by the Vico Chancellor, Mr H. J. Habakkuk, on Mr Frank Eyre, manager of the Australian branch of the Oxford University Press since 1951, and Mr Francis William Steer, the antiquarian and archivist, who has just completed a catalogue of the archives of New College.

#### **OBITUARY** SIR GERARD CLAUSON Civil servant and scholar

Sir Gerard Clauson, KCMG, OBE, who died on Wednesday at the age of 83, had a disting-uished career in the Colonial Office and was Assistant Under-Secretary there from 1940 to

He was the eldest son of Major Sir John Eugene Clauson, KCMG, CVO, and was born on April 28, 1891. He was educated at Eton, where he was a King's Scholar. He went up to Corpus. Christi College, Oxford, with a scholarship, where he took a first in Mods and a second in Greats. With a patural gift for languages, he was Boden Sanskrit Scholar in 1911; Hall-Houghton Syrian Prizeman in 1913; and James Mew Arabic Scholar in 1920. In the First World War he was

In the First World War he was first a Lieutenaut in the Somerset Light Infantry, and was later transferred to the General List and served as a Captain on the General Staff in Gallipoli, Egypt and Mesopotamia, where his Oriental languages made him a specially useful staff officer. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military OBE. and awarded the Military OBE. He also had the French Croix de Guerre with Palms. He had begun his Civil Service career in the Board of Inland Revenue, but on demobilization he was transferred to the Colonial Office in 1919, and became a Principal and an Assistant Secre-tary in 1934. His working knowledge of Oriental languages was again of great value, not only to his own department, but to other branches of the Service that sought his aid. But it was more in the realms of economics and finance that Clauson's astute brain was in the latter part of his career chiefly employed. He went as departmental adviser to the United Kingdom Delegation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa in 1932, and in a similar capacity to the Monetary and Economic Conference in London in 1933; the Imperial Conference, 1937, and the Hot Springs Conference on 1943. He was chairman of the International Wheat Conference in 1947, and of the International Rubber Conference, 1951.

Clauson was a man with a first-class brain that had upon it no loose ends, and he knew it and showed that he knew it too. He was never a "yes" either in official or private life, and his manner might sometimes be disconcerting, but his wide knowledge of many things was always at the disposal of enquirers, and his many interests in archaeology, things Oriental and the like, made him an always interesting companion.

He married, in 1918, Honor Emily Mary, daughter of Ernest Innis Husey, MVO. They had two sons and a daughter.

**ERIC WINSTONE** winstone, the leader and composer, has died at Pagham, Sussex, at the age of

A Londoner, he was born on New Year's Day 1915 and on leaving school worked for the Gas Light and Coke Company spending several nights each week playing the piano with local bands in the Clapham and Battersea districts. When piano playing began to occupy more of his working time than his employers thought reasonable he left them to take up the piano in earnest. In 1935, when he was 20, he led his first band, a sixpiece combination, at the Spanish Club in Cavendish Square, London. It was at this time that he took up the instrument with which his name came to be associated, the accordion. Finding it very much to his taste he developed a solo turn which he took round the halls and was something of a success. From this he advanced to an accordion quintet and the founding of an academy where the instrument was taught. He made two records for Decca and began in creasingly to turn to musical arrangement and composition achieving success with "Oasis", "Stagecoach" (his signature tune); "Mirage"; "Bottle Party"; "Bugle Bounce" and "Pony Express" His Same Party": "Bugle Hounce" and "Pony Express". His Swing Quarter (accordion, vibraphone, string bass and guitar with Julie Dawn as singer), was a widely popular combination as

#### **PAGET** Outstanding coin designer Mr Harold Glover, Deputy Master and Comptroller, Royal

MR T. H.

Mint writes: Thomas Humphrey Paget who died earlier this week, undoubted edly ranks as one of the finest coin and medal designers of the twentieth century.

He modelled designs for Brit-

He modelled designs for Srit.

ish and overseas coins, medaland seals, and the modestly displayed initials "H.P." became
increasingly familiar in all parse,
of the world. The success he
achieved was well illustrated in
1936-37 when, in the space of
18 mouths, he produced the
approved uncrowned effigies for
coins of Edward VIII and George coins of Edward VIII and George
VI. At the same time a charming design of his, based on the
Golden Hind, was adopted for
the reverse of the halfpenny. If one design may be said to typify his work, it is the portrait of George VI. Simple, unaffected well-balauced, it is from a tech nical point of view as near per fect as there is any right to

He will probably be best re membered for his major contribution to the British coinage but his overseas coinage design aught not to be overlooked. these the portrait of Feisal II for which the young king gave sittings in his room at Harrow is particularly successful; while the reverse design for the the reverse design for the Southern Rhodesia crown a 1953, incorporating so many diverse elements in the space of numismatic triumph.

Paget was always a totally reliable artist and he under stood better than most the tech work necessarily imposes: the softening effect of the reducing machine, the need to avoid over elaboration, and above all the limited relief. In his consider able output there were a few predictable traits; but this shi and kindly man, who for over 40 years was an outstanding member of the Royal Mints panel of arrists, never took success for granted and is re-membered with affection and admiration by all those who wer privileged to work with him.

#### SIR GRIFFITH WILLIAMS Mr Neville Heaton writes:

By a sad coincidence vom issue of April 24 reported the deaths of two Deputy Secretaries of the Education Department. W.D.P. has already writted about Ralph Fletcher. Of a ment. W.D.P. has already written about Ralph Fletcher. Of a older generation. Sir Griffin Williams, or G.G. as he was known to all, was in his time; greatly liked, highly respective and influential personage in the control of education. world of education. He played a prominent par

in the preparation of the measures, beginning with the Green Book of 1942 and community in the Education Air of 1944, for the reconstruction of the education system after the contraction of the education system after the contraction of the c r. His interests la the schools, especially in the grammar and the public schools. He was a member of the un official Committee of Three which had been set up because of the great though as it proved, unnecessary, anxiety about the future of the public schools. Their report led directly to the establishment of two Governing Bodies' Associa Governing Bodies' Associations and subsequently of the Fleming Committee. He was also, when Ellen Wilkinson was Minister of Education, the principal architect of the present direct gram system. Land he was closely involved with the administration of the very spe cessful Awards Scheme which enabled so many members a the armed forces to go to the

oniversities.

Of commanding stature (despite a slight stoop), with patrician, yet kindly, cast of feature, and a resonant voice.

G.G. was characterised by the geniality, an approachability and a depth of sympather understanding which made him a valued source of advice and a valued source of advice and brought him a great man friends, of varied ages and creeds.

universities.

A devout Anglo-Catholic, Go was well versed in the first points of ecclesiastical practic A special pleasure, in which to could indulge to the full at a Athenaeum, was assessing if form of the likely candidates in ecclesiastical preferment. It is no surprise, therefore, when his retirement at the end 1953 he became the first seritary of the newly establish Churches' Main Committee.

#### Science report

# Environment: Heavy metals in fish

was the Accordion Band and later the Eric Winstone Dance Orchestra which toured widely.

Winstone was a great favourite at Butlin's Holiday Camps.

The discovery of concentrations of heavy metal such as mercury in fish has recently caused alarm. which was only partly assuaged when studies of fish preserved in museums seemed to show that such high concentrations of metals have always been present and cannot be blamed on man's activities. But now three scientists in America have shown that those concentrations of metals in laboratory specimens can arise during preservation, and may not be natural after all.

tion, and may not be natural after all.

This new study has been carried out by Dr Robert Gibbs and Dr E. Jarosewich, of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, in collaboration with Dr Herbert Windom, of the Skidaway Institute of Occanography in Savannah, Georgia. They have determined the effects of modern techniques of museum specimen preparation by comparing fish preserved by such techniques with fish frozen soon after being caught.

In the American study the fish used were lantern fish (family Mectophidae) taken in a single trawl. The fish were frozen in an ordinary food freezer, and samples of different species in the sample were analysed for traces of mercury, cadmium, copper, lead, line and arsente.

mercury, cadminm, copper, lead, zinc and arsenic. Once those analyses had been completed, samples of the two most common species in the trawl, Hygophum hygomi and Ceratoscopelus warming ingi, were preserved by fixing in formalin.

About a week after the lish had been placed in 10 per cent formalin

For comparison of the effects found with changes over a longer

There was a large degree of variation in the concentration of heavy metals in the eight species examined before preservation. Merexamined before preservation. Mercury and arsenic showed least difference between species, but even for mercury the extremes measured were 0.11 and 0.34 parts per million (ppm).

Both the preserved species showed an increase in concentra-tion of five out of the six-metals within a month of preservation.

Arsenic was the only metal to show

and most concentrated in the preserved in ethyl alcohol.

The analysis of older same showed some evidence that of centration of some metals continu to increase for many years in a served fish. Cadmium, arsenic lead seem to reach stable let after a month or so, copper of contration increases for about 19 years, and both zing and mero concentrations increase for at let concentrations increase for at 2 13 years, judging from the 2

These metals could be present the original preservatives, and a merican team found measured quantities of lead and zinc in disary formaldehyde solutions in the museum specimens were labelled with metal tags, manda of tin but containing, analysis showed, traces of metal cadmium, copper, lead and arsent the tags have contaminated to specimens, but the evidence suggestive.

metals in fish can vary where the reason, during and after the reason, during and after preserving process. As Dr sand his colleagues put it, the effects of preservation fully understood museum well comparisons either museum specimens of the museum specimens of the museum specimens of the museum specimens. By Nature-Times News Service, 1974). C Nature-Times News Service, 1974.

# Law Report May 2 1974

right shall subsist in every original artistic work. Section 3 (1) pro-vides: "In this Act artistic work means a work of any of the following descriptions... (c) corks of artistic craftsmanship

Mr R. J. Parker, QC, Mr A. Kynric Lewis and Mr Hugh Laddie for Hensbers; Mr J. N. B. Penny, QC, and Mr Bruce Spaiding for

Restawlle.

LORD REID said that Henshers had evolved a prototype or " moci up " of a new type of chair. It com sisted of a light frame with upholstery nailed on. It was too flimsy to be used as a chair, but served as a model for chairs which were copied from it and sold. Once the

new type was in production the prototype was destroyed. Subsequently, Restawile, among others, had copied the chair. Hen-shers did not register any design under the Registered Designs Act. 1949. They claimed that Restavile had infringed their copyright. They maintained that the prototype was maintained that the prototype was a "work of artistic craftsman-ship" within section 3 (f) (c). Restawise admitted that the prototype was a work of craftsmanship but denied that it was of "artistic craftsmanship".

apparently were not works of a work of art, which was generally craftsmanship. If, however, there associated more with the fine arts was copyright in the prototype then with craftsmanship and might the furniture put on the market be setting too high a standard. Nor

Suite of furniture not protected by copyright

"artistic "meant.
Philosophic or metaphysical
argument about the nature of
heauty had to be avoided, not only heauty had to be avoided, not only because there was no consensus about it but also because those who were ignorant of philosophy were entitled to have opinions about what was artistic. By common usage it was proper for a person to say that in his opinion a thing had an artistic character if he got pleasure or satisfaction or, it might be, uplift from contemplating it. No doubt it was necessary to beware of those who got pleasure from looking at

differently.
It was, his Lordship thought, of importance that the maker or de-signer of a thing should have intended that it should have an artistic appeal, but that was neither necessary nor conclusive. If any substantial section of the public gentinely admired and valued a thing for its appearance and not pleasure or satisfaction, whether emotional or intellectual. transpands but demond that it was of "artistic craftsmanship".

It was common ground that the pretotype had to be considered and not the articles of furniture subsequently put on the market, which armatently were not works of a static craftsmanship with a static craftsmanship with

George Hensher Ltd v Restawile Upholstery (Lancs) Ltd

Refore Lord Reid, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest. Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Simon of Glalsdale and Lord Kilbrandon

[Speeches delivered May 1]

A prototype armchair produced by the appellants, George Hensher Ltd. London furniture manufacturers, was held by their Lordships, on the evidence, not to be a "work of artistic craftsmanship "so as to be protected by section 3 of the Copyright Act. 1936.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Restawile durable useful handmade object professing for Act of Justice Russell, Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Mustable Upholstery (Lancs) Ltd, of Raddle U

necessary to beware of those who got pleasure from looking at something which had cost tham a great deal of money, but if unsophisticated people got pleasure from seeing something which they admired his Lordship did not see why one had to say that it was not artistic because those who professed to be art experts thought differently.

force to be had, at least at a price they could pay.

In the present case, there had been no evidence that anyone recarded Henshers' furniture as artistic. Henshers' object had been to produce something which would sell. No doubt many customers had bought the furniture because they

hought the formiture because they thought that it looked nice as well

as being confortable. But looking mee fell considerably short of having artistic appeal. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal. LORD MORRIS, in an opinion concurring substantially with that of Lord Reid, said that in decid-ing whether a work was one of artistic craftsmanship it had to be viewed and judged in a detached and objective way, as a thing in itself. As in all situations where a decision was required on a question of fact the court must pay heed to the evidence adduced. The evidence feil short of establishing that the "knock-up" qualified to be characterized as a work of

viscount Dilhorne, also substantially concurring, said that the words "works of artistic craftsmanship," had to be given their ordinary and natural meanther the ways a question of fartistic craftsmanship, and natural meanther the ways a question of fartistic craftsmanship. ing. It was a question of fact whether a work was one of artistic craftsmanship. It did not suffice to cratismansing. It do not surfice to show that some section of the public considered a work to be artistic, though that fact would be one for the judge to take into account—for the decision bad to be made by the judge and could not be delegated.

LORD SIMON said that the statutory phrase was not "artistic work of craftsmanship" but "work of artistic craftsmanship." It was therefore misleading to ask, first, whether it was a work produced by a craftsman, and secondly, thereon it was a work produced by a craftsman, and secondly, thereon it was a work produced by a craftsman, and secondly, duced by a craftsman, and secondly, whether it was a work of art. It was more pertinent to ask whether it was the work of one who was in that respect an artist-craftsman. It followed that the artistic merit of the work was irrelevant. Common experience told that artists had locationally an aim and invact which differed from those of the ordinary run of humankind. Given the craftsmanship, it was the presence of such aim and impactities intent of the creator and its result. The which would determine -which would determin that the work was one of artistic craftsmanship. LORD KILERANDON said that the first essential of a work of art,

which an antitic work had to be. was that it should have come into existence as the product of an author who was consciously concerned to produce a work of art, The fact that many people liked looking at an honest piece of work, especially in the traditional trades, was not enough to make it a work of art. It was for the judge to determine whether an object fell within the scope of the common measing of the word "artistic." The House had been offered definitions of "artistic" framed by Mr Justice Graham, the Court of Appeal, coursel for Heashers and two by coursel for Restawije and had rejected them all. In addition, his Lordship rather nathered that there was no definition framed by a member of the Appellate Committee which was altogether acceptable to any other member. It might be that covinger and Skone James on Copyricis, 11th ed (1971), para 1, was right when it said: "Copyright law is, in essence, concerned with the accative right of preventing the covinger of physical material. ing the cogning of physical material existing in the field of Uterature and the arts. Its object is to protect the writer and the artist from the unlawful reproduction of his materials.

materials."

Since ample protection was prorided allunde for those preparing
designs for commercial reproduction, it would not be doing any
injurice were it made clear that
the Copyright Act was not concerned to protect, for example, the
"Broux" protection.

Since to example. Church Sobeitors: Simmonds Church Rackham; Simpson, Silvertown

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers
The Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, Mr Alan P. Greenaway, and the Wardens, Colonel Sir Derek Greenaway and Mr Leonard E. Kenyon, held a livery dinner at Stationers' Hall yesterday to commemorate the granting of a royal charter to the company on May 4, 1557. The Parish Clerks' Company The ladies dinner of the Parish Clerks' Company was held yesterday evening in Merchaut Taylors' Hall. Mr J. W. Murphy, Master, oresided and the speakers included Mrs Wimburn Horlock, Alderman Sir Peter Studd. Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, and Capet chant Taylors' Company, and Canon R. Tydeman.

the company on May 4, 1557. The guests included:

Mr J. E. Reevs Fowker, president of the instance of Practice, Mr Henry Davy, president of the British Printing Industries Federation and other president of printing and ailed trade resocutions of the guild. Service dinners The annual dinner of the Castaways Club was held last night at the Hyde Park Hotel. Among those

Metals Society, replied.

The Chairman of Booker McConnell, Mr G. S. Bishop, gave a dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night in honour of Dr A. H. Boerma, Director-General of the Food and Present were;
Admirals Sir Edward Ashmore. Sir Vecto
Crutchler, VC. Sir William Dave, Sir Desmond Drever, Sir Decoffrey Hawkins, Sir
Nigel Hendarsen Decoffrey Hawkins, Sir
Nigel Hendarsen and Sir Bertor Machen,
Sir Geothery Roberts, Sir Feder Robburth, and Sir Geoffey Robios, Mr John Monday J. S. C. Salter, Repr-Adminds R. L. Ander, S. F. Berthon, S. J. A. Mickle Sir Anthony Miers, VC, and Gordon United Nations. The other guests

Dr. L. Dreefe, Mr. J. A. P. Friedlinder, Dr. A. G. Friedrich, Mr. J. A. Gray, Mr. J. A. Haymes, Mr. J. I. Hendrie, Mr. W. Knier, Mr. W. A. C. N. Miraton, Mr. H. A. P. Fornell, Mr. H. Watto, Mr. E. J. G. Smith and Mr. H. Watto. Royal Army Chaplains' Department Department
The annual dinner of the RAChD
was held at the United Service and
Royal Aero Club yesterday evening. The Chaplain General, Archdeacon John Youens, presided and
the principal guests included:
The Bishops of London, Woccater, Kensinston and Croydon, the Denny of Windser and
M. Pani's the Moderator of the freneral
Automity of the Courch of Sociland, the
Moderator of the United Reformed Church,
the RC Bishop to the Fores, General SiPeter Hunt, General Sir Ceil Blacker, Mr
J. M. Wisson, the Camplain of the Fleet and
the Chaplain-in-Chief RAF The Royal Aeronautical Society gave a dinner at 4 Hamilton Place last night after the seventeenth Lanchester Memorial Lecture. The lecture. Automatic Control—The New Dimension in Aircraft Design, was given by Mr Peter Hearne. The

London Rifle Brigade Rangers/ 5 Royal Green Jackets

The annual dinner of the London Rifle Brigade Rangers/5 Royal Green Jackets was held yesterday at Quaglino's Banquering Rooms. Colonel Sir James Schuster was in tion of Mining and Metallurgy was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The president, Professor J. S. Webb. presided. The toast of the the chair.

RAF scholarships

Readler (Wilmstow CS): C. R. Tophass (Ounde S): P. T. Waller (Ou Elizabeth GS. Walerfeld). SECRETARIAL BRANCH: A. T. Bala SECRETARIAL BRANCH: A. T. Bala (Aster Sec S): N. S. Bolice (Porismenth GS). RAP REATIMENT: N. Acfern (Grange S): P. D. Discell (Rivacibite S): D. Walker (Has-PACIDE REATIMENT: N. Acfern (Grange S): P. C. Balance D. C. Berrell (Richert Grange): Comp S. Luscolly; L. J. Berrell (Richert (Sp. 1 S. R. Cassia: Bibranches S): District (Comes HS): D. J. Clark (Belle Vat S): R. J. Farball (Colleger's Sec GS)-S. D. B. Hatt (De Asion S): S. M. Illnam (Aberrelle Grangel): R. Lesty (Rectall (Rugbel): M. R. G. Slack (Sheendale Comp S): SLPPLY BRANCH: M. P. Lesty (Rectall GS): S. W. Turcer (Crarce S)

Beecham birthday

The programme contained works by six composers with whose names fir Thomas Beecham has been particularly closely assoc-iated.

Both orchestra and conductors to result from

Czechoslovakia envoy Mr E. G. Willan, aged 56, is to be the next British Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, in succession to Mr R. S. Scrivener. He has been

From The Times of Tuesday, May 25 years ago

Deecham Diffinday

The celebration of Sir Thomas
Beecham's seventieth birthday,
which may be said to have begun
10 days ago with the Mozart concerts at Glyndebourne, reached
its climax last night when a birthday concert was given before a
large audience in the Albert Hall
by the Royal Philoarmonic
Orchestra under its septuagenarian conductor.

The programme convained

were in sterling form. After the interval Sir Thomas Beecham spoke at some length, thanking the spoke at some length, thanking the contert's sponsors and commending the Royal Philbarmonic Society's foundation fund, to which the proceeds of the concert will be devoted, and to the furtherance of which he avowed his intention of giving the next 40 or 50 years of his life.

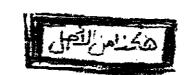
Ambassador to Burma since Nov-ember, 1970.

time, the team also examined samples of *H.hygomi* collected in 1885, 1914, 1958, 1968 and 1969.

no change in concentration, and while copper and zinc showed "notably higher" concentrations. the mercury concentration was actually lower than in the frozen sub-samples.

It seems that the three preservatives used interact with the fish tissues to affect the concentration of these metals. Cadmium, copper and ring were least concentrated in specimens preserved in formalia,

Nature-Times News Service.



MONEY GROWS HICK AND FAST Cher Society of restored standards (Cher Society of restored to the society of th

# THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**



# taly exhausts its hort-term credit acilities: hint of **EEC** loan offer

Our Industrial Editor.
Signor Guido Carli, the vernor of the Bank of Italy, sclosed yesterday that his unity had exhausted its isting short-term credit faciliss provided from Brussels. His statement came amid nours that European Committy countries may offer by a special standby loan on addition that its controversial port restrictions are dropped. port restrictions are dropped. taly has drawn its entire rt-term entitlement, totalling thousand million units of ount (equal to 1.8 thousand lion dollars) from the Euroin Monetary Cooperation
ind. This is necessary partly
cover serious balance of paynts deficits.

ouch a move reduces short m support available to Italy. zero. Hence the drastic ision to impose severe port controls, the full details which are still awaited by tish companies selling ion worth of goods to the

The heavy drawing on stand-Community funds led yester-to speculation that other C nations would rally round

if the proposal gains ground, will have to be provided by in-

dividual countries. There were suggestions from Bonn that some initiative might be taken to rally support, but a prime condition was said to be that Italy should abandon any import controls contrary to the spirit or letter of the Treaty of Rome.

Under the Italian import con-trol programme it is proposed that importers will have to make an interest-free six-month deposit equivalent to half the value of the imports. Only certain as yet undefined prime materials

would be exempt.
Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of he did not think Italy's decision would lead to similar action by other countries. The Government did not favour such action by Britain.

Mr Denis Healy, the Chancel lor, said in the Commons he "very much regretted" the Italian decision, but could un-

derstand the reasons.

MPs should note that it was possible in the Community for a Government to take such action h medium-term assistance to Government to take such action tore orderly trading.

But such money is just not the principles to which it had allable from the Community's given its name.

#### Blow to French hopes

Richard Wigg ris, May 2

The Italian import measures a serious blow to France's orts to overcome her own w balance of payments icit, in the view of French siness circles. This economic eat, coupled with the politione of the future of the EEC, I inevitably be one of the st problems the new French sident will have to tackle

seting to draw ap France's sition. The French govern-ent was taken as much by rprise as everyone else. France was running a 3,759m

incs (more than £310m) it year and one of more than not year and one or more main maintaining free trade.

100m francs in the first quarof this year. Taken with last
ar's surplus on trade with itain the amounts were just yesterday that Japan had taken a fficient to compensate for decision to act jointly with the ance's trading deficit with United States and Europe to rmany.

I maintaining free trade.

Sources close to the Ministry of International Trade and industry meanwhile suggested yesterday that Japan had taken a decision to act jointly with the united States and Europe to avoid a trade protection race.

18,754m france last year, has thus been a key factor both for the overall balance of trade and for the currency of France.

M Giscard told the Italians

that it was "inadmissible" that agricultural exports should be included among the items liable to surcharge. Almost a third of France's exports last year to Italy were foodstuffs. John Earle writes from Rome:

sident will use en he takes office.

If Pierre Messmer, the prime dister, today discussed the station with M Valery card d'Estaing, the mine who a presidential campaign ech at Names last night ressed. France's most merviewed by the Roman catholic weekly La Famiglia Cristiana.

Catholic weekly La Famiglia Conservations will eading members of the Commission.

Catholic weekly La Famiglia Cristiana.

Catholic weekly La Famiglia Cristiana.

The announcement of the date on which the restrictions will take effect removed some of the uncertainty over whether they were already operational.

Crosswinds in trade talke page 7 Signor Guido Carli, governor of the Benk of Italy, yesterday gave a warning that there was a limit to the foreign borrowing to

grant us credit." Peter Hazelburst writes from

Tokyo: The Japanese govern-ment criticized Italy's decision, claiming that the measure will interfere with a global trend of maintaining free trade.

#### Vinister calls for more acts in advertisements

A call for more factual inforition in advertisements was ide yesterday by Mrs illiams, Secretary of State for ices and Consumer Protection. She told delegates at the vertising Association's conferce in Brighton that some vertising "had moved a little far towards unreality and ked that "very explicit comrisons between values and should be made able consumers to make an ormed choice between pro-Although paying tribute to the

There was a further sharp rise

Britain's official reserves, ring April. The latest gain of 12m (about £211m) brings the

leased vesterday the reserves w stand at \$6,956m—only

arginally belo wtheir all time

ak of \$7,013m reached last

The huge rise in the reserves

the past two months appears be the result both of the

avy Eurocurrency borrowing

local authorities and the tionalized industries, and siz-

le inflows of overseas capital

tracted by relatively high indon interest rates. Euro-

rrency borrowing contributed

me \$749m to the reserves last outh, and \$682m in March.

For over a year this kind of prowing has been actively

couraged by the Government

assive trade deficit, and the easury has been indemnifying

irrowers against the exchange

te risks inherent in this kind

The Electricity Council, the

LC and the City of Glasgow

ive alone announced loans

orth \$1,200m. Without the ment of such loans the re-

rves would have been reduced

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The current account deficit is

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a means of financing Britain's

onomics Staff

al increase in the past two inths to almost \$1,000m.
According to Treasury figures

stiffen its voluntary control sysdissatisfaction with some aspects of it. Other reforms suggested include the addition of independent representatives on the committee responsible for policing the code of practice.

Mrs Williams also said she was "not convinced" that a voluntary code was sufficiently adequate but indicated that changes would only be made after full consultation with the

JK reserves up \$512m in April

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UX RESERVES

The following are the figures for

United Kingdom's official

ves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday:

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Sterling floures from 1971 to May 1972
values at the Smittsonian parity rate of
\$2,59571=£1, and from June 1972 at the
closing market rate on the last day of
the petrod. Gold and SDRs valued at
their dollar par at the time.

is not fully covering the deficit.

However, there are indica-tions of a sizable capital inflow.

There were oil royalty payments.

last month and these were made partly in sterling. At least some of these sterling payments to

the oil-producing countries appear to have remained on account in London. There have

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#### Gatt will hear reason for import surcharge From Alan McGregor

The Imlian Government has moved with imprecedented speed in advising the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that its representatives will appear tomorrow before an emergency meeting of the 60-nation Gatt council to present the government's case for the import surcharge introduced on Tuesday.

Gar officials can recall no previous instance of a government following up so promptly on the amouncement of a restriction—proof, no doubt that the Italians had considered the step from all angles before

After receiving official notification -yesterday of the sur-charge, officials had thought it unlikely that the council would be summoned to meet until about the end of next week.

While nominal objectionsperhaps rather more than that in a few cases—to the move are expected to follow the Italian statement tomorrow, the assumption is that the council will simply approve the setting up of a working group to pronounce on the accuracy of the government's situation report.

The group in turn, will call on the International Monetary Fund for an independent assessment in depth of Italy's balance of payments situation.

The whole procedure will be handled with expedition: to some extent it will give Gatt an opportunity to move for once with a speed contrasting sharply with its frustrations in the preparatory phase of the new round of multilateral trade negotia-

Gast officials point out that, unlike the precedent set by Britain in 1968, the Italian scheme mentions neither dura-tion nor progressive reduction Importers are hard hit by the 50 per cent six month nil-interest deposit in a period of high interest rates and rampant inflation.

Private housing starts show drop of 45 pc

The full extent of the slump in private house-building was revealed vesterday in figures published by the Department of

the Environment. These showed that private sector starts in the first quarter of 1974 were about 45 per cent down on the same period in 1973. The figures take account of

Only 29.800 private dwellings were started in Great Britain during the three-month period, compared with more than 55,000 in the same period last year—a clear indication that builders, perturbed by the lack of mort-gage finance have made large cuts in new programmes.

Again adjusted for seasonal variations, this represents a drop of 22 per cent on the final three months of 1973. A more optimistic note was struck in the public sector where, making similar compari-sons, starts were up by 36 per cent and 14 per cent.

British Government bonds.

Some figures suggest that

several hundred million dollars

have been invested in London markets in recent months. As a

result sterling has strengthened sharply from \$2.1750 last January to \$2.4195 last night (up 9.10 per cent on the day). However, it seems that the Bank of

England has not taken the op-

portunity to purchase sterling on a large scale on the open

Market estimates suggest that

such direct purchases have been

fairly limited. Nor does it

appear that the recent downturn

discouraged foreign investors.

The rise in American interest

rates has made them very com-petitive with those in the City;

but the dollar has been under

- It has not been helped by the

news that the United States trade balance has swung back

into deficit, in stark contrast to the mounting trade surplus being achieved by West

until today or nevt week.

large,

The delay was officially

attributed to computer diffi-

culties in processing the data

operators that in fact the surplus would prove embarrassingly

rates bas

marker recently.

interest

Strong pressure

# curb on retail prices modified

By Hugh Clayton The Government revealed last night that it had softened its plans to tighten the Price Code, but not as much as industry or retailers wanted.

The repricing of shop stock once it has been displayed for sale will be banned from Monday unless the Price Commission can be satisfied that failure to re-price in a particular case would harm the interests of consumers.

Price rises will not be allowed at intervals of less than three months unless they are of 10 per

cent or more. The ban will not apply if costs of materials and fuel account for 75 per cent of costs or more, or if the price rise justified is at least 5 per cent and costs of materials and fuel account for at

materials and fuel account for at least half of all costs.

The gross profit ceiling cut will not now apply to retailers with rurnover of less than £25,000 or other distributors with turnover of less than £500,000.

Moreover, the cut in gross will not be allowed to cut net profit margin reference levels by more than a quarter instead of the 15

than a quarter, instead of the 15 per cent that retailers proposed. The Retail Consortium, which said a 10 per cent cut in gross would depress the net profits of some companies by more than half, welcomed most of the

The Government has accepted the retail chemists' plea for exemption from repricing and profir curbs on National Health Service goods. It has accepted part of the CBI case for relaxing the three-month ban. Repricing will be allowed on goods being withdrawn from special offer.

#### Slater, Walker reserves for doubtful debts

Slater, Walker Securities has reclassified the whole of its inner reserves, equivalent to some £9m before provision for tax, as a provision for doubtful

Although the provision, together with existing provisions, is considered to be much in excess of any doubtful debts that may occur, Mr Jim Slater writes in his annual report that the board believes "exceptional pru-dence is called for in the very stringent business climate prevailing today."

abortive attempt to merge with Hill Samuel, Mr Slater writes that the concept of size and strength in international investment banking has proved to be correct in today's economic conditions. But he repeats that this objective can still be achieved by internal growth.

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#### Shortages still pushing up scrap metal prices

Shortages of scrap metal used in iron and steel making are still forcing up prices. The British Scrap Federation yesterday reported that good quality ferrous scrap is fetching £28 per onne compared with £15.85 in

May last year. After the winter fuel crisis the normal scrap and pig iron ratio throughout the steel industry is still unbalanced. The steelworks' stocks of semis have not been replenished and the blast furnace relining programme has become out of phase, so that the shortage of iron has been intensified. Scrap processors managed to

et back to normal deliveries in February, but are having diffi-culty in increasing supplies to meet further demand because many of their own usual suppliers in manufacturing industry are still not back in full production.

Beecham Grp Brit Am Tob

#### Three-month Wedd turns in loss of £398,000 on year

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Heavy losses were sustained last year by Wedd Durlacher Mordaunt, the largest stock-jobber in the City. In the 12 months to mid-January, Wedd lost 5398,000, compared with a profit of 54.16m in the previous

profit of 14.16m in the previous year.

Shareholders, including Roinschild Investment Trust, will get no dividends. Employees suffered too; the average remuneration paid to Wedd's 452 employees was 53,335 in 1973/74, against 55,627 paid to 477 employees in the previous year.

Exceptionally poor stock market conditions, high borrowing costs—interest charges were up by £803,000 to £2.4m—and exceptional losses which rotalled exceptional losses which totalled £1.5m, combined to produce the 1973/74 loss. Mr R. S. Wilkins, chairman of the company, says last year's experience empha-sizes that jobbing is a high-risk

business.
"We are ready to take risks and accept losses, a fact which has made the London market so

has made the London market so important in the pust and hopefully will enable it to remain so," Mr Wilkins says.

First-quarter figures this year apparently show a return to a reasonable level of profit, but Mr Wilkins is concerned about two Budget proposals which are bound to affect turnover: the doubling of stamp duty, and the imposition of surrender on dollar

premium on old sterling area-registered stocks.

"If the Government is deter-mined to make our role more difficult in this way business will be driven away to foreign centres where such restrictions do not apply", says Mr Wilkins who asks for urgent reconsideration

of these matters.

Wedd, which merged with another large stockjobber, R. A. Blackwell, at the start of the current period, improved its share of available business from 37.3 per cent to 43.4 per cent last year, representing turnover—or the total value of sold bargains—of £11,600m, £600m higher than in 1972/73.

#### Rate hopes boost in Government bond market

Government bonds yesterday enjoyed their strongest advance for some weeks, rising by up to £1.12. Dealers reported sizable and sustained buying from institutional investors, reflecting topes of lower interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic.

Long-dated bonds, which now rield about 14 per cent, have declined by about 1 percentage point in the last month. Shortdated stocks have fallen by a similar amount to yield about 12 per cent. Shares gain ground: Equities

again took their cue from the gik-edged market, and share prices rose widely on thinnish

The hope of lower interest rates spurred on a cautious improvement in property and secondary banking issues. Among industrials it was the overseas earners that attracted most sup-The FT index closed a net 5.0

up at 307.7, after 3.8.2, while The Times index, at 121.63, gained 1.64. But turnover remained light, with shortage of stock playing a significant role in pushing share prices ahead. The day's recorded bargains of 5.999 suggested that turnover by ralue was in the £40m-£50m range, compared with totals of £100m plus recorded as recently is last February.

North Sca issues were again in favour. The Business News report that August Thyssen-Hütte, the German steel group. had been looking at the private sector of the British industry. brought rises in Dunford & Elliott, Ealfour & Darwin and several others.

# BP chairman says his group losing money on present costs basis

By Anthony Rowley The most positive indication yet that industry cannot meet the current enceptionally high cost of oil came yesterday from Sir Eric Drake, chairman of British Petroleum, at the annual meeting of shareholders in

Industry's reaction to the recent quadrupling of the cost of oil and the fear of incipient recession, coupled with the effects of another mild winter, has led to high stocks and weakening prices in Europe, Sir Fric and

Consequently BP companies are not now fully recovering the increased costs they expect to have to pay for oil, and the group believes it has been trading at a loss in most of the main continental countries during the past month.

"We are maintaining most of our trade even though some our trade even though some cosses are involved, and I accept responsibility for attempting this.", Sir Eric said. "But the situation must clearly be remedied by higher prices before long."

BP estimated its current Middle East cost of crude oil averages almost \$9.5 a barrel, against the frequently quoted figure of \$7 a barrel. But the buying cost of much of the oil it is now selling is not yet known. This is because of continuing negotiations between Middle

A motor industry leader yesterday warned the Govern-

ment that if it returned to the

"dangerous meddling and ob-structive policies" of three years

ago it would have no alternative

but to provide financial support for manufacturers.

In one of the hardest hitting

speeches made by a motor manu-

facturer in recent years, Mr Gilbert Hunt, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers

and Traders, and chairman of Chrysler United Kingdom,

Chrysler United Kingdom, addressed the society's annual

make a choice between nation-

alized stagnation and a profit-motivated industrial future, with

assurances of managerial inde-pendence for future expansion and the greater wealth for all

He accused the Government of

endangering the industry's pros-

pects in Europe—its largest market—by trying to renegonate

membership of the European Economic Community.

It was not his wish to exag-

gerate the industry's difficulties

but it was clear they had not

been recognized. The cost pressures as a result of the Budget had added to the severely strained cash flows and unprofit-

ability arising out of the miners' strike. The 25 per cent increase

Suspension of restrictions on

the supply of petrol and aviation

fuel were announced yesterday

by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of

State for Energy. He said a major

reason for the improvement in

petrol stocks had been the

restraint exercised by motorists.

In a Commons written reply to
Mr David Lambie, Labour MP
for Central Ayrshire, he said
there had been improvement in
stocks and supply prospects for
the fuels.

THE POUND

Bank sells

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Restrictions on

petrol lifted

East producer states and the oil companies over the level of state participation and what price the companies will be permitted to buy back oil in state ownership. Further crude oil cost increases could be retroactive.

BP's margins were so small that it only needed a swing of a penny or so to produce an enormous impact on the group's enormous impact on the group's results. Sir Eric pointed our. "Such uncertainty over such sums of money is something which I do not believe is faced by any other industry."

He said that the need for higher selling prices was not reduced by the level of profits for 1973 (when net trading income rose from around £70m.

income rose from around £70m to £310m) nor by the results expected for the first quarter of 1974. These results were influenced by stock profits but these stock profits were needed in turn to finance oil purchases. in turn to finance oil purchases at much higher prices.

at much higher prices.

Sir Eric revealed that, in partnership with the "Shell" group, BP has agreed with the Nigerian Government the prices at which the groups will buy back oil during the first half of 1974. Under this participation agreement the government takes a 55 per cent increase. takes a 55 per cent interest.
Similarly, prices under which
oil is bought back from Qatar

under the recent participation agreement (giving Qatar 60 per cent of local operations) have been settled for the first half of this year, Sir Eric said.

another £80m to their costs.
On the evidence of the Bud-

get, he said, the greatest threat

to growth and expanded partici-pation in the motor industry was

a government which had no fun-damental belief in the profit

He continued: "What evi-

dence is there to expect any

improvement in the chaotic in

dustrial relations picture of this country when no pressures exist

in law to ensure the observance

of union bargains and the first

resort in the event of problems

is to strike rather than discuss

Malcolm Brown writes: Mr

Campbell Adamson, director-general of the Confederation of

British Industry, again gave warning yesterday against the

noises being made by govern-

power separate from political power," he told a conference on

seemed to have the idea that

industry and government should

cooperate in a system of plan-ning agreements, Mr Adamson

said. Britain could end up with

an industry which was increas-ingly dependent on government,

lanning for social and political

"We have to keep economic

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Government

Motor chief condemns

'dangerous meddling'

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change in London.

The Labour

#### FNFC joins talks on property difficulties

By John Pleader and Maurice Barnisther

First National Finance Corporation, the secondary bank which is involved in unwinding the affairs of London & County Securities, is believed to have been brought into discussions over the future of troubled property companies. It is believed that Guardian Properties, which recently admitted it was suffering from liquidity difficulties, is involved in the

The move follows intense activity in the City to find ways of helping a number of property companies over their immediate liquidity problems. By now a pattern for the rescue of these companies appears to be companies appears to be emerging.

While clearing banks have been helping property companies in difficulties by retraining from calling in advances and by rolling up interest, it appears that merchant banks and finance houses are likely to play the more active role in providing short-term suppor: under the close watch of the Bank of England.

At the same time the Bank is acting as intermediary in seeing that institutions know where property is likely to be available. It is widely assumed that some of the composite insurance substantial property content in their portfolios could ultimately be interested in taking property from the troubled companies.

Talks also continued vester-day over the cash shortage at Lyon Group, which is in tech-nical default on a 513.75m loan from a consortium of banks. The loan is guaranteed by the pen-sion funds of Imperial Chemica! Ladustries. Arrangements are being con-sidered whereby some of the

equity in the company will transferred to a number of institutions. Among the bankers involved in the talks are Heyser Uilmann and Singer & Fried lander. Lyon is considered to be one of the most suitable candidates for support since it is primarily involved in industrial development.

However, the immediate crisis is still some way from being resolved. In many cases the institutions are rejuctant to take part in an orderly winding down of property company port folios unless they are offered obviously attractive prices. They remain uncertain about

the legislation that is still prom ised to curb profits from property and are waiting for a statement on the duration of rent control. Nor are they always in a position to help with the short-term banking operation which is required while the pro-cess of selling the property is After uncertainty earlier in

the week, property shares were firmer on the stock market yes-terday. The improved sendment was helped by reports that Mr Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House Investments, which has a substantial City development programme, be-lieved that the property market had seen the worst.

# Berry Wiggins & Co. Limited

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Turnover	9,006	7,685
Trading Profit	639	372
Profit before taxation	1,092	7:0
Total funds invested	17,378	12.438*
Trading profit per cent of turnover	7.1%	4.8%
Profit before taxation per cent of total funds invested	6.3%	3.4%
*adjusted for 1973 revaluation of fre	ehold prope	rties.

#### Sea Search Mergei

This merger immediately doubled the size of Berry Wiggins and gave to the Sea Search shareholders participation in a fast growing oil orientated industrial company. To Berry Wiggins shareholders it gave a large spread of good exploration acreage backed up by £3.7 million in cash. This spread of oil land in the North Sea makes your company one of the largest British Companies involved in North Sea exploration.

The reorganisation and expansion of the Company's bitumen division has resulted in greatly increased efficiency which has caused our profit on trading to increase so significantly. Later this year it is expected that the Kingsnorth Relinery will be used to process crude oil to produce conventional petroleum products.

#### Offshore Oil Services Further to our investment of 40% in two oil drilling rigs an

offshore oil service department has been formed and the Management has been recruited from highly skilled personnel in the oil industry.



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#### How the markets moved

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Blyvoors 10p to 820p Brit Sugar 10p to 370p Hammerson 20p to 330p Hawker Sidd 12p to 278p	Lye Trading Spillers Tube Invest Vickers	8p to 464p 2p to 334p 5p to 252p 2p to 114p	Australia S Austrian Sch Felgium Fr Canada S	1.67 45.00 96.25 2.36	1.625 43.00 93.50 2.31 14.20
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Equities scored further gains. Git-edged securities moved up strongly. Sterling gained 10 points at \$2,4193. The "effective devaluation rate was 16.97 per cent. Gold edged 25 cents higher to \$170. Commodities: Forward zinc was	£19.50 to £790 jumped £50 to £790 at fresh peaks to thon breaking £ time. Copper to pained £6.50. LA 2.5p. Reuters i at 1.401.3.	igh with a rise of 3,50; cash metal 557,50. Cocoa was with the July position 1,000 for the first see £24,50 and lead AE silver advanced notes: was 2.8 up 15, pages 27 and 28	Portugal Esc S Africa Rd Spain Pes Sweden Kr Switzerland Fr US 5 Yugoslavia Dur Rate for pank or restordal by Barelas Different into apply and other foreign of	58.50 1.78 142.50 10.60 7.30 2.455 35.75 Pes cals.	54.75 1.715 137.50 19.30 7.05 2.405 35.60

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# Highlights from Chairman Mr. Paul Bristol's

report to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held in London on 2nd May 1974.

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# REFUGE ASSURANCE COMPANY **LIMITED**

The Annual General Meeting of the Refuge Assurance Company Limited was held on May 2nd at the Chief Office, Oxford Street, Manchester, Mr. M. Wilcock Holgate, the Chairman, presiding.

The following is his statement which had been circulated with the report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1973.

There are no changes to report in the membership of the Board of Directors but I know you will share my regret on hearing of the death, a few weeks ago, of Mr. Cyril Clegg who retired from the Board in 1971 after serving the Company for more than 60 years, having been successively the Company's Actuary, General Manager, and a Director.

The year 1973 was a period of difficulty and uncertainty for the British economy and towards the end of the year the Government introduced various measures for the control of fuel and electricity, and imposed a 3-day working week on large sections of industry. Restrictions on the use of electricity continued to affect all the Company's offices during the early pany's ortices during the early part of 1974 and I would like to record our thanks to all levels of staff for the splendid way in which they coped with the difficult working conditions.
Against the above background Against the above background it is gratifying to report that in 1973 the Company's business progressed steadily in all Branches.

In the Life Branches new policies were issued for annual premiums of £5,436,000 and single premiums of £1,866,000; these policies provide for sums assured amounting to £104.7 millions and annuities of E727,000 per annum. The corresponding figures for the presponding rightes for the pre-vious year were £4,806,000 and £2,192,000 in annual and single premiums respectively, £93.3 millions sums assured and £677,000 per annum annuities. There was a substantial increase in new sums assured and annual premiums in each Branch, in spite of a drop of approximately 10% in the number of new policies issued. A high proportion of single premiums came from sales of a special 10-year income

The total premium income of the Life Branches in 1973, including single premiums and annuity considerations, was £34,731,000, an increase of £1,249,000 over the previous year. The total amount paid to policyholders during the year was £29,817,000 including £13,899,000 in respect of endowment benefits.

The total expenses borne by the Life Branches, including sums transferred to the Sta Superannuation Fund, amounted to £10,574,000, an increase of £583,000 over the previous year. The ratio which the total ex-The ratio which the total expenses bear to the premium income (including consideration for annuities) was 39.2 per cent in the Industrial Branch and 18.2 per cent in the Ordinary Branch, the corresponding figures for 1972 being 39.9 per cent and 16.9 measures can be welcomed to the extent that they provide a disingent of the provide and single provides are considered to the extent that they provide a disingent of the provide and single provides are considered to the extent that they provide a disingent of the premium of the relief which has been allowed, and relief will be disallowed in the paid by surrendering part of per cent respectively. Selective Employment Tax, which came to an end in April 1973, absorbed £60,000 compared with £243,000 in 1972. But for this feature the Industrial Branch expense ratio would have been marginally higher than in 1972 in spite of an increase of £1,351,000 in premium income. The sharp rise in the Ordinary Branch expense ratio demonstrates once again the need to increase the volume of renewable premiums; the increase was no more than £225,000 in a year when single premiums were down by £326,000, whilst expenses rose by £182,000.

Three years ago, following a review of our staff pension scheme, we made substantial improvements in the benefits for members of the staff who entered the Company's service in 1939 or later, and I am pleased to announce the introduction of further improvements with effect from 1st January 1974. In due course we shall make appli-cation to the Occupational Pen-sions Board for a Recognition Certificate, the issue of which will mean that contributions to the State Reserve Scheme will not be payable by staff in the Company's pension scheme or by the Company on their behalf. In considering how the Com-pany's Scheme was affected by various legislative changes we have sought, as I indicated in my statement a year ago, to try and ensure that the resources available for pension purposes are used in the best interests of all concerned. A valuable forum for further discussion along these lines is now available as a result of the formation of a Consultative Committee committees the tive Committee comprising the technical advisors to the Pension technical advisers to the Pension Fund and representatives of all sections of the Company's Staff, with the Secretary of the Fund as Chairman

It has been our practice for a number of years for a terminal bonus based on capital appreciation to be added to claims on with profit policies in the Ordinary Branch. Market values of most categories of investment fell during 1973 and the Financial Times Industrial Ordinary Share Index declined by over 30%, from 505 to 344. The level or terminal bonus, however, unlike the amount payable under an equity-linked contract, is not directly related to market values at the date of claim. In deciding the level of terminal bonus we have always had regard to the trend of market values over a period and, despite the substan-tial depreciation which has occurred during 1973, we have felt it necessary to make only a relatively modest reduction in the rate of this bonus. For claims during the twelve months beginning 1st April 1974 the rate is £1.00°, of the sum assured for each qualifying year, compared with a rate of £1.20% during the preceding twelve months. Had Mr. Heath's Government

remained in office the 1974
Finance Bill was to have
included details of proposals for
a system of tax credits to take
the place of the main personal and family income tax allow-ances. In relation to tax relief on life assurance premiums, the proposed change was very simple in principle. Instead of paying the full contractual premium to the Company and claiming tax relief from the Inland Revenue, the policycleder would obtain the policyholder would obtain tax relief by deducting it from the amount paid to the Company, leaving the Company to claim the balance of premium from the Revenue. Such a system should not cause any great difficulty in the Ordinary Branch, but in the Industrial Branch, where the average premium is much smaller, some very real practical problems would arise. Practical problems would arise. Premiums are collected from policyholders' homes and there are many thous-ands of homes where the deduction (which would have been 15% for 1973/74 but 16½% for 1975/75) would leave an amount to be collected which would have to be adjusted up or down by a fraction of a penny. The possibility of having to calculate and record a mass of tiny adjustments is reminiscent of the task which faced the Industrial Life Offices in connection with decimalisation, when a similar problem was produced by the conversion from old pence to new pence. On that occasion it was estimated that the whole process of decimalisation cost this Company some £200,000, and the prospect of another bill of this size for an equally unproductive operation is—to say the least—exasperating, particularly as the whole operation would have to be repeated whenever there was a change in the rate of tax relief on life assurance premiums. If and when a tax-credit system is introduced it is to be hoped that a way can be found to accommodate Industrial Branch business within the system without requiring a massystem without requiring a massive upheaval in accounting procedures. Up to the time of writing the only official indication of the Labour Government's attitude is the Chancellor's statement that: "We believe that there are serious drawbacks to the two reading there."

Government." The recent Budget speech foreshadowed a number of changes in the rules relating to tax relief on life assurance pre-miums, the most important of which will apply to all policies such a policy is discontinued within four years of its com-mencement the Revenue will "claw-back" some or all of the extent that they provide a disincentive to early surrender of policies, but details of the legislation will be awaited with a certain amount of apprehension as to the additional administrative burden laid upon the life offices. The burden could be substantially eased by restricting the new rules to larger policies and it is understood that this is under consideration.

study under the previous Labour

For some years the insurance industry has operated against the background of a threat of political interference. It may be that, in present circumstances, the danger is not imminent but it would be folly to assume that it no longer remains. In common with other insurers we have a duty to remain vigilant in order to safeguard the interests of our shareholders, policyholders, and

#### Investments

I have already referred to the fall in market values of invest-ments during 1973. The gravity of events in the economic sphere had a cumulative effect cul-minating in precipitous falls in values consequent upon the impact of the Arab oil restrictions and price increases. By the year end, Ordinary Shares had lost about one-third of their Deccomber 1972 values, whilst fixed interest stocks had fallen by some 20 per cent from levels already considered to be depressed. As long-term investors, we can view these movements with a greater degree of equanimity than many others can, and find substantial compensation in the opportunity afforded to invest newly-accruing cash to give yields which are historically

Of the total increase in our investments during the year, the largest item is some 551 millions in House Purchase Loans, where we decided that conditions were appropriate for us to play a more active part than of late in the provision of moregage finance for home owners. For the rest, we added some \$1.6 million to our Property portfolio and there was again a broadly even split between Stock Exchange fixed interest and equity investment.

The total assets of the Life branches as shown in the Balance Sheets, increased by £13.2 millions to £307.2 millions, the division between the main classes being as follows:

With short-term interest rates rising over much of the year to reach new peaks, it has been prudent, and profitable, to maintain a higher degree of liquidity than normal. Investment revenue has been very buoyant, and the has been very buoyant, and the total investment income received by the Life Branches in 1973 was £22,603,000. The gross interest yield obtained was £8.19 per cent in the Industrial Branch and £8.30 per cent in the Ordinary Branch, the net yields after deduction of income and Corporation taxes being £7.45 per cent and £6.19 per cent respectively. It is evident that there has been It is evident that there has been a real and very satisfactory improvement, but the figures are not directly comparable with those for 1972 because of the deferment of dividend payments to which I referred a year ago.

Fire and Accident Business In my statement last year I reported that Refuge started to underwrite its own Fire and Accident business with effect from 1st October 1972. The year 1973 has therefore been the first full year of operation.

The premium income amounted to £2,194,000, an in-The crease over that of 1972 (including that part up to the end of September 1972 which was wholly reinsured) of £218,000. I am pleased to report an underwriting profit of £23,000 and together with investment income, a rotal profit after tax of £70,000.

In view of the difficulties of running this type of business in an inflationary situation these results must be considered very satisfactory. It has however been considered appropriate in these early days of operating our own account to leave the whole of the profit in the Fire and Accident Branch Profit and Loss Account. Similarly, a special Fire and Accident Branch Investments Reserve has been set up by transferring £250,000 from General Reserve.

Valuation and Bonuses

The annual valuation of the Life Funds has revealed an increased surplus in each Branch, and the total amount allocated for the benefit of policyholders is £727,000 higher than in 1972.

In the Ordinary Branch the surplus disclosed was £7,260,000 including £245,000 brought forward from the previous year and £350,000 transferred from Contingency Reserve. The sum of The annual valuation of the to the tax-credit scheme pro-posed by the previous Admini-stration. We have not taken any decision against the principle of a negative income tax, which was the subject of considerable

tingency Reserve. The sum of £6,513,000 has been allocated to policyholders to provide bonuses on with-profit policies

(a) a reversionary bonus of

(b) a terminal bonus, on policies which become claims by death or survival of the endowment term after 31st March, 1974 and before 1st April, 1975 and which were issued more than 5 years before the year of claim. The rate of bonus is £1.00% on the sum assured for each qualifying year.

In the Industrial Branch the surplus disclosed following the valuation of the liabilities was £6.709.000 including £278,000 brought forward from the previous year. A total sum of 25,804,000 has been allocated for the benefit of policyholders; out of this sum a reversionary bonus at the rate of £2.60 per cent on the sum assured has been granted on premium-paying policies which were in force on 1st January, 1974 subject to completion of one year's premium pay-ments. Certain other increases in benefits, varying with the year of entry, have been granted to policies becoming claims within the next year.

#### Profit and Loss Account

The aggregate amount transferred into the Profit and Loss Account from the surpluses of the year in the Industrial and Ordinary Life Branches is £1,140,000.

The Directors have declared a final net dividend for the year of 8.96p per share on the 10p A " Ordinary shares and 4.48p per share on the 5p "C". Ordinary shares, making the total net dividend for the year 11.76p and 5.88p per share res-

#### Conclusion

I referred at the beginning of this statement to some of the difficulties which faced the nation during 1973. The results achieved by the Company owe much to the loyalty and hard work of the Staff, both in the Field and at Chief Office, who continued to give faithful service in all circumstances. I would also like to acknowledge the debt which we owe to the representatives of Management and Staff who meet regularly to discuss various problems. Such meetings afford the opportunity for a frank exchange of views which is vital to the continued wellbeing of the Company.

M. WILCOCK HOLGATE

British National and Local Go	u/Artma			£(millio	n )
	A GI TITLE	16			
Securities			• •	91.8	29.9°.
Debentures, Loan Stocks. and	i Prefere	uce Si	ares	66.6	21.7
Mortgages and other Loans				41.2	13.4
Ordinary Stocks and Shares				74.9	24.4
Land and Property			• •	22.4	7.3'
Other assets				10.3	3.3%

# MP urges insurance fund aid for mortgages

A scheme to attract life assur-ance and pension funds into proing agency and this money would be used to top up the individual's morrgage. The institutions would become, in effect, minority shareholders in the house.

To make it a worthwhile pro-

no make it a worthwhile proposition for the institutions, Mr Stanley argues that the agency would have to pay both annual income and capital bonuses or alternatively guaranteed redemption. Ultimately the capital payments would be met from the agency's share of the profits arising from the sale of

houses.

However, the Exchequer would be expected to provide the interest element required to make the scheme attractive to institutional investors. Working on the assumption of an 8 per cent interest rate and taking into effect the tax "clawback" through income tax and capital gains tax on the capital divi-

dends, the net cost to the Ex-

chequer would be 5.6 per cent of the funds invested.

ance and pension funds into pro-viding home ownership funds lows; if the maximum loan availwas put forward yesterday by
Mr John Stanley, Conservative
MP for Tonbridge and Malling.
Mr Stanley that it is the maximum total available from a building society would only enable the prospective buyer to meet, say, 75 per Mr Stanley's thesis is that cent of the purchase price of the insurance industry should the house, the institutional funds provide funds for a central house would step in with the balance of 25 per cent-at no extra cost to the homebuver

If he later sold the house, he If he later sold the house, he would retain only 75 per cent of the price realized, the remaining 25 per cent returning to the institutions. If, however, he wished to gradually increase his equity stake in his own house by increasing his mortgage, the price would be calculated on the basis of an independent valuation.

the basis of an independent valuation.

Where improvements are carried out—repairs would be the full responsibility of the owner-occupier—a credit for the cost, at their book or historic value, would be added to the householder's share.

In order to provide a base

In order to provide a base for the dividend and capital payments, Mr Stanley suggests a house price index, either the existing quarterly published by the Building Societies Associa-tion or a new one designed for lower price houses.

#### Studio were responsible for the av; it seems improbable that their involvement in the project Industrial Films

Communication the audio visual way

The recent Audio Visual International Congress would have reminded us, if we had wanted reminding, how much more there is in audio visual (av) com-munication today than movies in 16mm and 35mm and the projec-

16mm and 35mm and the projectors they needed.

Inevitably in so rapidly developing an area there are uncertainties. But the possibilities of video cassettes, video discs, slide and tape presentations, closed circuit relevision and the rest are substantial. are substantial.

Some viewers may recall back in January seeing Balham people in BBC's Open Door series using portable video tape equipment to make their own community film in support of their community activity.

community film in support of their community activity.

It is significant that the major industrial film production companies are widening their scope. It is no longer enough to be able to make good movies. Some of the film makers are recognizing that the communication business is profitably wider than films alone. So pick your profilms alone. So pick your production company intelligently, and you'll be told if in fact a slide presentation will serve your purpose as well as, and much more cheaply than, a film.

And if as is likely neither film nor slides will do the job alone,

advice—and production—will be available for the support material needed.

It may be that film or slides or tape will be themselves the a reversionary bonus of 53-80% on the sum assured or anoutty in respect of each year's premium due in 1973 and paid, and also two of av material. Larkins

**Business appointments** 

Mr D. V. Wever, Mr J. P. G. Wathen, Mr D. R. Pelly and Mr A. G. Tritton have been appointed directors of Barclays Bank, Lord Seebohm is retiring as deputy chairman of the bank inday but is remaining a director of the bank and of Barclays Bank International. He also remains chairman of the Barclays Overseas Development arclays Overseas Development

Lord Jellicoe has joined the board of Tate & Lyle as a non-executive director.

Mr D. L. Egerton-Smith has become a partner in Linklaters &

Mr D. E. Exerton-smith has become a partner in Linklaters & Paines.

Mr W. G. Pullen has been made a director of the Commercial Bank of Wales.

Mr C. I. Ball, Mr J. A. Caldecort and Mr M. J. Hawkes have been appointed vice-chairmen of Kleinwort, Benson.

Mr R. C. Pooley has become a director of C. E. Heath & Co (Insurance Broking) and C. E. Heath & Co (Insurance Broking) and C. E. Heath & Co (Home). Mr J. J. Poole has been made a director of C. F. Heath & Co (Aviation).

Mr J. W. C. Poole has joined the boards of HVK Orthopaedic Services and A/S NUNC of Denmark.

Mr Roy Barber has become financial director of Leonard Fair-clough in succession to Mr John Boardman, who is taking up other durbes within the group, and stays a director.

Mr Leslie Dobson has been

a director.

Mr Leslie Dobson has been
Mr Leslie Dobson has been appointed a non-executive director of Mckechnie Brothers. Mr A. D. U. Crook and Mr C. Davis have been named executive directors of Small Business Capital

Mr J. M. Nicholls has joined the board of Ariagen Properties. He replaces Mr L. C. T. Cottrell, who was previously Sun Life's representative on the Ariagen board.
Mr K. G. Kitching has been appointed a director of Capper-Neill.

Ur Berck Kimber has joined the board of A. & P. Appledore International.

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**AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL** PROVIDENT SOCIETY **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, 1974** 

The ballot for the election of the

Direction of Assertion Marcal Provideo: Sepen held on Wednesday, 17th April 1978, resulted as follows. William Theildors Kelly Doyald Gord in Farquitae 270 (00 William Western Spen William Glob Tutner Wigas Pursuant to Bridge 2000 of the Bullion of the Street I Jedine that her Theo Kell, and Mr. D. G. F. Mackay are duly elimited as Directors 11 the Street. stopped there.

The British Sponsored Film
Festival in Brighton in May
shows BISFA's widening in-

terest: their cassette group is mounting a seminar on video tape and film, with practical visual demonstrations.

To any who say "About time, too" one might reply that the riming, in BISFA and in the industry at large, is about right. Conventional film is still the centre of the stage: other actors

are moving in, but one or two of them are still in the wings.

At AVIC it was on film that Phillips brilliantly illuminated the whole av range, in The Line, an imaginative-piece of animation. The hardware for film, mainly 16mm, projects with the still them. mainly 16mm projectors, exists in quantity all round the world. At Film in Europe, in February, the "non-theatrical film" session gave us Roly Stafford, who illustrated one of his points with some BP film audience figures: Antarctic Crossing has logged two and a quarter million in the United Kingdom since 1955; Shadow of Progress, more startlingly, 12 and a half million here and overseas in non-thearrical terms. 50 million if you add in television and

And Edgar Anstey, introduc-And Edgar Anstey, introduc-ing the session, had protested that "non-theatrical" put the stress wrong: it's the feature film that's the minority activity now, by a long way, in terms of manpower and film stock, as against "non-theatrical" spon-sored or relevision film

sored or television film.

The moral for the would-be communicator is: shop around in what is becoming a wide field. and make sure you've found the right medium for your message. Film is no longer the monopolist it was, nor the 16mm projector the only way of presenting it. **Evnon Smart** 

Four join Barclays board:

# Lord Seebohm steps down

Following the death of Mr Keith Erskine after a motor accident last week. Mr Peter Smith has been elected chairman of the Securicor Group and of Security Services and Mr J. R. Boden has been elected chairman of the Metal Closures Group. Mr J. D. Loveridge has been elected secretary of Monsanto.
Mr Shaun McDowell has joined the board of Paihoy.

Mr Henry Browne, managing director, has been elected chairman of Crowden & Keeves and Walker & Staff, and Mrs V. H. Browne has been appointed to both

boards.
Mr P. J. Ford-Robinson becomes

managing director of Norman Frizzell Group. Mr P. A. Minms has been made a director of the Frizzell Group and also becomes a member of the executive committee.

Dr A. K. Guuta, research and
director of the ICI

or A. K. Gupta, research and development director of the ICI organics division until March 31 and currently a member of ICP's corporate research and develop-ment department, is to be seconded to the Department of Industry to advise on strategic planning of research and development.

Mr R. W. Foxen, general manager of the Europe business division of General Electric Co (USA), has been elected a vice-president.

(USA), has been elected a vicepresident.

Air G. S. Abel has been named operations director of Scottish Road Services.

Mr P. J. Gallagher has been appointed chairman of Abbey.

Mr A. Hill has been named marketing director of Standon Southern Instruments.

Mr Douglas Smee, managing director of Sedgwick Forbes Life and Pension Consultants, has been elected president of the CIB Society of Pension Consultants in succession to Mr Kenneth Weir.

Mr M. J. Harwood has become chairman and chief executive of Alltransport International travel division.

Alkransport International travel division.

Mr M. G. Kidd has been appointed director and general manager of Dalbury Cars.

Mr G. J. Parsons has joined the board of Wilfrid Overton.

Mr P. C. Buchanan has been reelected president of The National Peteration of Builders' and Plumbers' Merchants. Other senior officers reelected are: Mr B. I. officers reelected are: Mr B. I.
Hunt (senior vice-president), Mr
C. Brown (junior vice-president)
and Mr J. B. Mathers (hou
treasurer),

Major-General Sir Leonard Atkinson and Mr Eric W. Hardiman have joined the board of Bespoke Mr P. G. James has retired from the board of Channel Timnel In-

restments.
Mr P. M. North has been appointed to the board of Wright, Bindley & Gell.
Mr G. Paul Ledeboer has been appointed a non-executive director of A. B. Electronic Components.

Mr C. R. Elliott has been elected to the general board of the Royal British Legion Attendants Co.
Mr John A. L. Bennett has become a director of Roman Securities.

# ROY

#### PRELIMINARY RESULTS 1973

• The trading results of the Group for 1973, before special items, show increases in turnover and profits for each division.

The dramatic changes that have occurred recently in the economic climate, including the increase in interest rates and the shortage of funds available to the public for the purchase of houses, have had an adverse effect on the residential development industry.

In view of these factors the Directors have considered the level of interest charges included in work-in-progress at the end of the year and have decided that it would be cautious to write off certain interest costs as a special adjustment. A special charge is shown in the profit and loss account for the total interest incurred by 31st December, 1973, in respect of sites that are held for development over the longer term and this has resulted in a reduction in profits of approximately £1.5 million for 1973.

The Directors have also assessed the value of each site held by the Group and because of the exceptional conditions prevailing, consider it prudent to write down the book cost of certain sites. This write down has resulted in a further reduction in profits of approximately £2.2 million. Many sites held by the Group cost substantially less than their present value and this surplus position is not reflected in the accounts.

It will be appreciated that the special adjustments do not represent actual losses that have been realised, and in the current year, the Group has continued to trade profitably with turnover in residential development, rentals and sales of commercial developments achieving budgeted levels.

Nevertheless, until the Directors are satisfied that various uncertainties affecting the property development industry generally are resolved they consider such adjustments made to be the prudent and correct course of action.

R.H. STRUDWICK, Chairman

•. •	-	Year ended 31st	December
		1973 <b>£°000</b>	_ £ <sup>7</sup> 000
Turnover		16,214	12,654
Group profit before taxation and exceptional items shown below		4.352	3.026
Write down in the cost of land	2,194		
Interest costs written off	1,455		
Profit on disposal of securities and fixed assets	3,649		; <del>-</del>
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>443</u>	3,206	
Group profit before taxation		1,146	3,026
Taxation		606	1,311
Group profit after taxation	•	540	1,715
Adjustments for minority interests	·	<u>63</u>	<u>(227</u> )
Profit attributable to Royco Group Li	mited	603	1,488
Interim dividend paid		200 (4%)	250(5% gross)
Final dividend proposed		200 (4%)	
		400	750
Earnings per Ordinary Share		3.02p	6.74p (adjusted)

The final dividend proposed by the Directors of 4% (1p per share) is the net payment to shareholders and is equivalent to 5.97% including the tax credit. The final dividend will, subject to approval by the members, be paid on 11th July, 1974 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 12th June, 1974.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th June, 1974. Copies of the Report and Accounts will be available from the Secretary:

# Royco Group Limited

Royco House, Chapel Street, Marlow, Buckinghamshire SL7 1EP. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - PROPERTY FINANCE COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - BANKING

# S. Pearson & Son, Ltd.

Preliminary Announcement of 1973 Results Group Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December

Profit of the group before taxation .  Deduct proportions attributable to :  Minority interests	£000	5000 25,714	£000
renous prior to acquisition	7,586 25	7,611	6,747 361
Profit before taxation attributable to S. Pearson & Son, Ltd.  Taxation thereon		18,103	17,011
Net profit attributable to S. Pearson & Son, Ltd. before exceptional items		8.928	6,534
Exceptional items, less minority interests and taxation		9,175 996	10,477 // 1,404
Dividends		10,171	11,681
5% Preference shares 3.5% net (1972—5% gross) Ordinary shares Interim 1.4n nes (1972—1975—1976—	17		25
Interim 1.4p net (1972—1.875p gross) Proposed final 3.27672p net (1972—3.28125p net)	947 2,217	3,181	1,268 2,219
Profit retained and added to reserves	<del></del>	26,990	58,369
Ordinary shares in issue at year end	• •	67,638,457	67,638,457
Earnings per ordinary share, excluding exceptional items		13.54p	13.45p
NOTES:			•
1. Dividend		-	• .

The directors recommend a final ordinary dividend for the year to 31st December 1973 of 3.27672p per share, equivalent to 4.89063p gross, which together with the interim dividend paid of 1.4p, equivalent to 2.0p gross, makes a total for the year of 4.67572p. ecuivalent to 6.89063p gross. This represents the maximum permitted increase of 5%. The proposed final dividend will be paid on 1st July 1974 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June 1974. The annual general meeting will be

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Tavation Total taxation including overs \$1.238.000) and \$1,085,000 adjuted increase in rate of tax mainly in	seas taxes, £1,816,000 (1972-	
Increase in rate of tax mainly in Deduct: Proportion attributable acquisition profits	a respect of bleatons Acsis	12,782 9,383
Attributable to 5. Pearson & Son		3,854 <b>2,84</b> 9
Turnover		=======================================
		• 158,501 132,107

# pc boost estimated in China's foreign trade

report from the commer-counsellors at the embas-of the nine EEC member in Peking estimates that a's gross national product 1973 totalled \$150,000m ut f62,000ml, an 8 per cens case over 1972. reign trade was estimated

e 45 per cent up; with the ed States overtaking Canada-West Germany to assume ners after Japan and Hongwere the main factor in the

were the main factor in the led States increase the fire West Germany led exports to China worth 3m, followed by Britain with ost \$204m. Japan's exports e worth \$1,040m.

The diplomets estimate ther steel production advanced from 23 million tons in 1972 to 24 or 25 million rous in 1972 to 24 or 25 million rous last year. Manufacture of polyester tissues is thought to have more than doubled in a year. Production of sugar, synthetic fibres, detergents, watches and sewing machines increased between 10 and 40 per cent

and 40 per cent. Chemical fertilizers were probably up 25 per cent to 25 million tons. China is now be-lieved to have 1,000 miric fergilizer plants producting 54 per cent of the country's synthetic

Oil production is expected soon to exceed 50 million tons Rich oilfields are believed to e worth \$1,040m.

he report, which has been have been discovered on the mainland and investment has been increased. From the relative reserves of crude are being built up.

The report reckons that over the past two years more than \$1,500m has been invested by S1.500m has been invested by China in transport equipment. Orders for lorries alone have totalled 21,365 vehicles of all sizes, worth \$156m. Japan. Romania, France, Italy, Sweden, the USSR, Czochoslovakia and East Germany were the main compliers.

suppliers.
Shipping purchases were estimated to total 32 cargo vessels and small tankers worth \$192m from Romanis, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, East Germany and Sweden The venous horse that garia, East Germany and Sweden. The report notes that China still possesses no civil aircraft industry and uses the numerous recently acquired machines with a reticence which would essent to take our which would seem to rule out the possibility of profits being produced".

Aviation purchases were worth \$1,032m, and included medium and long-range sircraft and 23 belicopters. The main suppliers were Britain, Russia, the United States and France. gest importer of Chinese products, to the tune of \$1,085m, much of it doubtless reexported. China's trade balances seem to be in overall equilibrium.

Monetary reserves have been estimated by other sources at roughly \$1,000m in currency and \$2,500m in gold.

Machine tools exhibition: The Chinese authorities have agreed to a proposal of the British Overseas Trade Board that a British machine tools and scientific instruments exhibition should be staged in China in March-April, 1975.

The exhibition, which is being jointly sponsored by the Machine Tool Trades Association and the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Associament Manuacturers Associa-tion in conjunction with the Sine-British Trade Council, is a follow-up to the highly success-ful British industrial rechnology exhibition held in Peking in the spring of 1973,

#### Dr Diederichs supports move to free gold holdings

African Finance Minister, said he expected no real progress in solving the world's monetary difficulties to be reported by the Committee of 29 at the IMF annual meeting in September.

Dr Diederichs, who i expected to attend both the Committee of 20 meeting in June and the September meeting, declared that force of circumstances nor reasoned agreement, had spurred the gold price rise of recent years.

The same thing was happening now with the official price in determining the eventual outcome of its role in the system.

Oil bills were forcing EEC countries to try to reactivate their gold holdings, he said at a function of the Harvard Business School Club of South Africa.

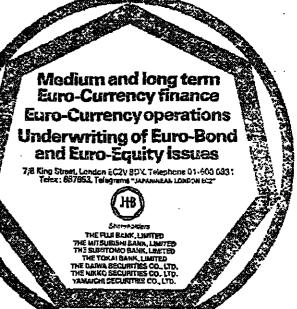
Dr Diederichs said the EEC countries were at present

Johannesburg, May 2.—Dr approaching the United States icolaas Diederichs. South on this question, He was hopeful that America would even-tually agree to allow official gold holdings to become freely useable again.

If the EEC countries succeeded in their approach it would mean a new official gold price, but one not specifically cailed so. If gold was not included in any new monetary system, the result would be a weak system, producing still further demand for gold.

Gold at \$200 forecast : South African economists relterated their belief that the price of gold would stabilize at around \$200 an ounce.

Dr Diederichs said that an official rate of 5200 an ounce seemed "logical" to him. In 1934 gold was at \$25. Other metals like silver, platinum and copper had risen 10 to 13 fold since then. INCREASED LIFE Huge Ore



Carrier Go Buildses from Anno....

Aground Sign-

#### Vew advertising code answer the critics

he committee responsible for code has also introduced a arate set of rules to deal with s promotion practices. Speak at the Advertising Associa-conference the chairman of Code of Advertising Practice nted out that competitions, offers and other forms of ortant to manufacturers, disutors and the consumer. The ertising industry for a umber of years has accepted consibility for giving guide in this area. But this is the time this guidance has been lifted.

> he new self-regulatory codes an attempt to prevent the oduction of statutory issures which the industry ible to meet either its needs hose of the consumer, lelegates are waiting with

Patricia Tisdal)

new and updated Code of ertising Practice was suched by the advertising about the new measures when lie addresses the conference to be anxious to ingreduce a grater level of information in advertising advertisements in general. The ched by the advertising about the new measures when istry at Brighton yesterday to sumer organizations. The controluces new rules dealwith financial advertising, advertisements in general. The kage tours, property and Office of Fair Trading is undershol. It also tightens up the stood to be considering drawing ting rules in some difficult up a list of key information is such as mail order and the points such as price, weight of contents and so on which should ducts. appear in all advertisements. Mr Methyen is also believed to be troubled by the appeals to sexual

virility in some consumer adver-tisements. These are areas not specifi cally included in the sovertisers code, It merely states that adver-tisements: should not contain statements or visual presentaof decency prevailing among those who are likely to be

exposed to them.
"Ne more controls": Mr John Freeman, chairman of London Weekend Television, told the conference that the advertising industry did not need any more government regulation or legal

controls.
"I believe we can satisfy our selves and those who scrutinize us from outside that we are a reasonable industry responsible enough to be allowed to establish our own high standards and maintain them



Norwich Unton anti-crime drive Crashes

bringsresults BIG TORONTO WAREHOUSE

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Success and security in difficult times

Norwich Union £100m. Property Developments Flood disaster hits Brisbane More Briton take holid abroad in Norwich Life Insura



# **Record Profit** Stronger Asset Base Good Start to 1974

YEAR TO DECEMBER 31, 1973

Pre-Tax Profit £1,327,000 UP £598,000 After-Tax Profit £687,000 UP £274,000

> ASSETS PER SHARE **UP FIVE TIMES TO 44p**

Full benefit from last year's major expansion will show by way of increased profit in 1974.

The year has started well with a very satisfactory improvement in group performance during the first quarter.

#### **BLAGDEN & NOAKES** (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. K. Noakes, for the year ended 30th December,

- For 1973 Group turnover increased by some 35% over the previous year which produced a 47% increase in trading profit.
- Rheem Blagden Limited acquired 80% of N.V. Etabl. J. Verstraete S.A., the principal steel drum reconditioner in Belglum.
- Throughout the year demand for the Container. Division's products was at a very high level.
- During 1973 we completed the first stage of our major development in plastics packaging; and operate probably the largest plastic drum blow moulding plant in the U.K.
- Our chemical merchanting companies enjoyed exceptionally buoyant conditions during 1973 and achieved a high level of profitability.
- Our chemical manufacturing unit at Haverhill made steady progress and The Chemical Supply Co. Limited overall beat its budget by a substantial amount.
- In the medium term we look to develop our plastics, chemical and protective equipment interests where there are better opportunties for dynamic growth
- For the first quarter of 1974 the pretax profit was more than 25% ahead of a quarter of the

CONTAINERS, PLASTICS, CHEMICALS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



#### Extract from the Statement and Review for 1973 by Mr Desmond E. Longe MC, DL,

President and Chairman of the Norwich Union Insurance Group

It would be easy for me to begin this review with a list of the difficulties, economic and financial, which were so notable a feature of 1973, but I am reluctant to allow these problems to obscure an important fact - the Norwich Union has had a very good year. The results shown in the Directors' Report and Group Accounts are excellent. Despite the economic problems which have affected us, our service to the public has been maintained and the security which we guarantee to all our policyholders has not been affected.

#### LIFE SOCIETY

**New Business** 

The Social Security Act of 1973 requires all employers to provide pensions related to earnings on a more generous scale than the present State Graduated Scheme. The date for compliance of April 1975 has created a great challenge for our staffs at Head Office and Branches. Nevertheless, our team of Pensions Consultants are giving a service, second to none, to those who have entrusted

their pension arrangements to us. New annual premiums in 1973 again increased. Single premiums, mainly in respect of our G-Plus guaranteed income bond, exceeded £20 million.

The new annual premium production overseas increased by 21% in 1973 and accounted for nearly 30% of our worldwide figures for the year. In the Republic of Ireland, we received over £5 million in single premiums during the year by the sale of our Income Bonds and a limited issue of single premium Property Bonds.

#### Revenue Account

Despite the difficulties of the economic situation our income increased to £204 million, including premiums for insurances and annuities of £131 million, and interest and dividends of £69 million. Total outgo, including payments to policyholders, was

£104 million. Nineteen seventy-three was, of course, a year of exceptionally high interest rates and this is reflected in the rates earned on the Life Society's funds which rose to 8.17% gross and 7.5% net (1972 - 8.05% and 7.37% respectively).

Finance and Investment The way in which our widely-spread investment policy can enable us to take advantage of ever-changing circumstances has never been better illustrated than during 1973. Although the fall in the value of Stock Exchange securities has been quite dramatic, the distribution of the assets of the Group has helped to protect us from wild fluctuations and the high yield has contributed to a

record actuarial surplus. We added £35 million to our Real Estate portfolio, including some properties on the Continent of Europe. As responsible developers and investors in properties which we intend to hold in our portfolio for many years, we not only help to protect our policyholders against the ravages of inflation but also provide much needed resources for renewal and improvement of our towns and cities.

#### Valuation and Bonuses

A record world-wide surplus of £40 million was available for distribution as bonuses to policyholders.

In the United Kingdom we have increased the rates of reversionary bonuses and also added a special guaranteed bonus to policies effected before 1965, payable with the sum insured. We also intend to continue to pay an additional growth bonus on claims, but this bonus must, of necessity, fluctuate as the market values of our assets change. We are particularly proud to demonstrate by these bonus declarations the extent to which we can meet the needs of our policyholders at a time of unprecedented world-wide financial uncertainty.

#### **FIRE SOCIETY**

The total world-wide premium income amounted to £130 million, an increase of £25 million, of which the Home account provided £14 million and the Overseas account 19 million, the balance of £2 million being in the Marine and Aviation account.

The underwriting profit was £3.2 million, an increase over that for 1972.

United Kingdom In 1973 there was a dramatic increase in the national fire loss figure, which at £179 million, is the highest ever recorded. We have concentrated our efforts on risk improvement and on obtaining more realistic values insured. As a result, in face of intense competition we have achieved profitable expansion during the year in our Fire

account. We have made satisfactory achievements in the handling of Motor business. Our own staff engineers completed no less than 43,693 inspections of damaged motor vehicles in 1973. The speed with which we can provide this service enables us to improve the efficiency of our claims settling in respect of insured vehicles.

#### **Overseas**

We again show steady growth in our overseas portfolio although results are not yet as good as we desire.

Our overseas operations play an important part in the Society's affairs in giving us the underwriting spread and balance necessary for our business.

#### Marine and Aviation

Although we have shown a profit in our Marine and Aviation account this year, the very rapid increase in both Marine and Aviation losses is alarming. The losses of vessels valued at over £1 million increased from £33 million in 1972 to £80 million in 1973. Despite this, rates are still being cut, both for vessels and cargoes.

Twenty-nine jet aircraft were lost during the year, an increase of four over the previous year, and these were mostly on scheduled flights.

#### Accounts and Balance Sheet

There has been an increase in our interest -earnings which, at £8.5 million, are £2.4 million higher than in 1972. Our new funds

for investment were principally placed in high-vielding fixed interest Stock Exchange securities. Together with the underwriting profit, the profit before tax was £11 million. A net profit of £6.4 million is available after tax of £4.6 million.

#### NORWICH GENERAL

TRUST LIMITED The year was a highly satisfactory one for our wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Norwich General Trust Ltd. Short, medium, and long-term loans totalling £34 million were made in the United Kingdom, primarily to industrial and commercial borrowers. Recent problems in the secondary banking sector have given rise to a demand for stricter controls by the authorities in this sphere. It is to be hoped that any new rules which are introduced, whilst safeguarding the interests of the public, will not restrict the development of institutions with strong financial backing, such as we can give.

#### CONCLUSION

The events of this year, 1974, have exposed more clearly than ever before the stark reality of the economic problems which face our country. The British insurance industry has a major contribution to make to the balance of payments and to the economic recovery of the country. The protection and well-being of the individual is also our concern and we, in the Norwich Union Group, are determined to play our full part by ensuring that the quality and value of the services we offer are of the highest standards.

The Aunual General Meetings of the Norwich Union Insurance Societies will be held on 14th May 1974 in Norwich.

Copies of the Directors' Report and Group Accounts and the President and Chairman's full Statement may be obtained from the Norwich Union Insurance Group, P.O. Box 4. Norwich NOR 88A.



# Port Talbot steel strikers vote to stay out

The strike by engineering craftsmen which has closed the huge British Steel Corporation works at Port Talbot, South Vales, since last weekend now looks certain to continue into next week.

At a mass meeting yesterday the 1,600 strikers voted overwhelmingly to continue the stoppage, which has caused the lay-off of 9,500 other workers. No further meeting has been arranged.
All steelmaking and steel fin-

isping operations at Port Talbot standstill, and this has cut off deliveries of sheet steel for the car and domestic appliance industries, and of timplate for the food and drinks canning

Companies.
Although most of the big customers, including the car body plants, carry some stocks of raw materials at their own premises, these are lower than usual because steel production present pay legislation. has not yet recovered from the Talks were held last power crisis and three-day week. The effects of the shut-down could start to bite in other sectors next week. The Port Talbot plant turns

Travel chief

counters the

Mr Francis Higgins, Thomson

Holidays' travel chief, yesterday

criticized recent statements of

" deplored " such statements. He added: "there bas never been

so much opportunity to make up

for lost ground. "For the first

time British holidaymakers tak-

ing winter sun holidays to Spain

this year will almost certainly

benefit from an improved cur-

"Thomson had based the

prices of their winter sun pro-

gramme on an exchange rate of 127.5 pesetas to the pound. Today the peseta stands at 139 pesetas to the pound, and on a typical £50 holiday with a for-

eign currency content of about 530 we would be able to offer a

currency refund of approxi-mately 13 on a Spanish holiday."

Mr Higgins promised that if the pound strengthened yet further "we could offer even more money back".

He said: "All this is good news for the public and equally good news for us. In the past

few weeks we have noticed a massive upswing in holiday

bookings for the coming summer, running at almost

"With the end of the three-

day week, the strengthening of the pound and the return to a

normal economy it is obvious that the British holidaymaker is

now cashing in on the better

value offered by holidays

year expects to carry over 850,000 passengers abroad.

double last year's rate.

rency exchange rate.

Higgins

'extreme pessimism" by a "few scaremongers" in the

pessimists

travel industry.

car industry's requirements and is not readily available from other sources.

British Leyland's car body plants at Cowley and Castle Bromwich are among the biggest customers. The threat of another cutback in car production because of a steel shortage comes at a time when British Layland has only just managed to restore something approaching full output at its Cowley and Longbridge car plants after weeks of costly disruption caused by internal disputes, component shortages and the national overtime ban in en-

gineering. The craftsmen at Port Talbot are demanding a £6.50 a week pay increase. They have turned down an offer of an extra £3.50, which BSC points out is the maximum allowed under the

Talks were held last night in an effort to resolve another separate disput in the South Wales steel industry. Tipplate production at the Ebbw Vale works has been stopped by a

New York, May 2.—A 102 per cent prime rate became wide-spread in the American banking

industry yesterday as more than

a dozen major institutions moved up from 10) per cent. At the same time analysts said further increases to a record 11 per cent—already being charged by a few banks—could be on the

Much attention was tocused on

New York's Bankers Trust Co. which uses a formula pegged

to money market rates to help determine its base lending

charge. Money market sources said that formula called for an

11 per cent prime rate, against

the 102 per cent it now has in

The bank might choose to

ignore its formula and post only a ! percentage point increase

to 101 per cent, it was suggested.

Banks raising their prime rates to 103 per cent vesterday

ncluded : San Francisco's Bank

of America, the nation's largest :

Manufacturers Hanover Trust:

the Bank of New York; the Chemical Bank; First

National Bank of Boston, and the National Bank of Detroit.

per cent prime rates are relatively small. The only major

British Aluminium plan

The capacity of British Alumi-

nium's alumina chemicals fac-tory at Burnrisland in Fife,

Scotland, is to be expanded by quarter through a £3.5m

investment over the next three

years.
The factory produces a wide

range of alumina chemicals for

use in the abrasive, retractory, Thomson Holidays is Britain's paper, water treatment, cera-largest tour operator and this mics and other industries. The plan involves building a three-

Burntisland expansion

Most banks already quoting 11

torce.

Major banks increase

prime rates to 10<sup>3</sup> pc

our about one sixth of BSC's strike of 550 members of the steel output, but much of its sheet steel is tailored for the Union, also over a pay claim. Clifford Webb writes: The Pay

Board's decision yesterday to reject wage increases for tool setters employed in the Joseph Lucas electrical factories in Birmineham could lead to a speedy settlement of a strike threatening motor industry throughout the production country.

But there were fears last night that a return to work by the 2,600 employees laid off at nine plants may be followed by a new strike of disgruntled tool setters.

It was the possibility of a wage award to the tool setters which sparked off the original strike; 600 production workers em-600 production workers em-ployed at two Lucas plastic and die casting factories walked out on Monday in protest at the closing of wage differentials between themselves and the tool setters.

Now that the company offer has been rejected by the Pay Board the cause of the dispute has been removed. Official of the strikers' union, the General and Municipal, are meeting manage-

National Bank, New York, which moved up last Friday. But the

Franklin increase was viewed at the time by most analysts

chiefly as a defensive action to slow down heavy loan demands.

demand at commercial hanks

has soared, sending banks scurrying to raise lendable funds in the open money market. The

rush, coupled with a tighter credit policy of the United States Federal Reserve system,

has sent money rates rocketing.

banks have had to pay 11 per cent and more to raise funds

through negotiable certificates of deposit. With soaring credit

of deposit. With soaring credit demand, CDs bave become a key source for funding the loan growth.—AP-Dow Jones.

Easier money plea: Senator

Walter Mondale, the Minnesota Democrat, urged the Federal

Reserve Board to ease its right

money policies to help the

He said in an address to the

Chicago Real Estate Board that

unless the Fed eased its policy "the American housing industry will die on the vine and our entire economy will suffer".

Rank Optics in £1.5m

Rank Optics, a company with-

in the Rank Organisation, last

night announced a planned pro-

modernization at its Harebills

Lane, Leeds factory, at a cost of \$1,500,000, leading to creation

demand for precision optical products. First stage of the

gramme of expansion and

Leeds development

housing industry.

In recent days, for example,

In the past three months loan

ment this morning and are expected to recommend a return to work at a mass meeting later in the day.

But shop stewards of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which represents the tool setters are far from happy. They are also calling a mass meeting
Attempts were being made

yesterday to escalate a strike which has closed three Smethwick foundries of Darrmouth Auto Castings, a Birmid-Qual-cast subsidiary. More than 2,000 workers are striking because of the company's refusal to pay

Easter holiday money. Most of them are Asians and 10,000 copies of a union statement in English and Punjabi are being circulated throughout group foundries calling for support action.
The joint shop stewards' com-

mittee at Dartmouth is hoping for a huge turnout at a mass meeting called for today. Birmid-Qualcast are important suppliers of a wide range of castings for the motor industry and a group-wide strike could have serious consequences for the motor manufacturers.

#### Wholesale prices ease in Japan one at 11 per cent is Franklin

Tokyo. May 2—Japan's wholesale price index declined in mid-April for the first time in a year, but Mr Tadashi Sasaki, governor of the Bank of Japan, said the country's credit squeeze

must continue.

The wholesale price index (1970=100) stood at 149.1 for the second 10 days of April, down 0.1 per cent compared with the preceding 10 days, but up 25.3 per cent compared with the

Officials attributed the downturn to government measures aimed at curbing overall demand. They gave a warning, however, that it was too early to say prices had stabilized.

Mr Sasaki told a press confer-

In contrast, Japanese press reports said the government was coming under pressure to take reflationary steps as signs of a worsening slump were developing. The press reports cited sparing inventories of manufactured goods and sagging depart-

a licensed basis, an increase of 59 per cent compared with a

of about 100 new jobs. The increase over April last year development is to meet growing mainly to declining domestic and the prospect of strikes by port workers and seamen in the United States, which prompted shipments during the month.

35.3 per cent compared with the average index for April, 1973 the Bank of Japan said.

ence that the central bank in-tended to continue squeezing credit for the present because of recent large wage increases and a sharp rise in electricity prices expected suon.

ment store sales.

Exports up sharply: Japan's exports rose steeply last month, to \$4,343.77m (about £1,810m) on

year earlier. Compared with March this year, however, the April, figure represented a drop of \$300m, or 2 per cent.

> rease over April last year if we pull out.
>
> The pull out industry without them when they employ some 12 per cent land, lighter export prices present Government is that of the national labour force. they have left farmers in a sort of limbo, not knowing whether they are going to be in the EEC or ourside."

#### Bonn calls for less secrecy on oil pricing

Brussels, April 2.—West Ger-many called today for less secrecy in the international price policy of the big multinational oil concerns.

In a statement to the 12-nation energy coordination group of major oil consumers, Germany emphasized its readiness to take appropriate steps in that direction and called on other consumer nations to join it.

Herr Rohwedder, Under Secretary at the German economics ministry said his government wanted other governments to give top priority to the price policy of the big oil companies in the coordination group's discussion.

He stressed that in Bonn's riew the price issue was as important as preparing for a big consumer-producer conference, which is the main target of the coordination group's work.

The German government was pursuing the upward trend of oil products on the German mar-"with growing concern parent companies of the multinational oil groups produced sharply higher profits despite crisis during the last quarter.

He told the energy group his government was seeking action against the oil companies through its cartel or anti-trust office on suspicion of misusing a market-dominating situation.

The allegedly unfavourable earnings situation of West Ger-man subsidiaries of multi-national oil concerns contrasted sharply with the profit increase: Since West Germany's com petence in pursuing such matters ended at its borders less secrecy on prices and price trends on international level was

not an exclusively German problem. Hamburg: Deutsche Texaco AG said it would hold petrol prices at present levels and assume this would mean an end to West German Cartel Office action against the company.

urgently required he said, it was

#### Farmers 'left in limbo' over EEC membership

Mr Godber, Minister of Agriculture in the last Government, said yesterday that no more than 21 per cent of the food price rises felt in Britain in the past year could be blamed on the country's membership of the EEC.
"Every honest person knows

it is entirely untrue that more than this amount is attributable to the EEC, he said at a conference in London organized by the Financial Times. "It The ministry antibuted the will be a tragic day for Britain

alized industries have done a great deal for the CBI, and it would be unreal for the confed-eration to claim to speak for Also, the value of the net output of the nationalized fuel and power industries alone is about 5 per cent of the national

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Clarifying the Co-op's position on state?

From Mr Desmond Hopwood
Sir, Mr John Parkinson, chairman of the Cooperative Party,
recently called for government
aid for the Cooperative neverment in the form of cheap loans (Business News, April 13), and Mr Nickolson (April 30) points out that "it is ques-tionable whether government funds should be made available for this purpose unless similar assistance is also provided for other retail groups if wanted " As a result of publicity on these lines there is now a

these lines there is now a widespread impression amongst many retail and business economists that the Cooperative share of retail trade will decline still further to about 45 per cent by the end of the 1970s, unless this public grant of money is made available. As a retail management Coopera. a retail management Coopera-tive society researcher, I think I should make three points on this matter.

First, that many senior retail society officials, who are amongst the pace setters of local Cooperative society devel-opments in the United Kingdom, are exceedingly embar-rassed by the issue since they do not want to be treated separately from ther retail organizations, and if anything are rather wary of the idea of receiving state grants or loans in future.
Secondly, the Labour Party's

sudden enthusiasm for a "Cooperative Development "Cooperative Development Agency "involved the adoption of an idea which had been discussed in broad outline

From Mr S. W. Parkinson

Sir, Your leader on the CBI

Sir, Your leader on the CBi.
(April 23) says that rensions
within the confederation are
increased by having the nationalized industries as members,
and that the CBI's original
purpose was to be an effective
lobby for private sector industry and its interests.

This I would dispute. The

two commissioners who, in 1964, produced the report that

led to the amalgamation of the National Association of British

Manufacturers, the Federation of British Industries, and the British Employers' Confederation, said that the new body

"cannot be properly represent-arive of British industry unless

the nationalized industries are admitted to membership".

They subsequently became

associate members as a first step, and on September 20, 1965, in a leader The Times said this restriction (to associ-ate membership) detracted from the real authority of the confederation.

Both through financial contri-

butions and service to policy

making committees, the nation-

I he status of nationalized

industries within the CBI

within the movement for some to be achieved in future years without any detailed not going to make the ... investigation of the need for such a scheme and a study of how it was to work out in

practice. Leading Cooperators who pressed for the CDA did not expect a Labour Government to arrive so quickly, and admit freely that the Labour Party took over the idea without fur-ther investigation with a view to appearing certain sections of the Cooperative movement.

I should explain that there are a growing number of exec-utives within the movement who question the future of the Cooperative Party and the Cooperative Party and the money it costs them.

It is only fair to say that the initial requests for a CDA were partly an understandable reflection of jealousy at the very large sums of public money that have been poured into industry in recent years by successive governments without any real analytical evaluation of the benefits obtained by the of the benefits obtained by the community as a whole.

Thirdly, as to the issue of the
"Cooperative share of retail
trade" this already varies so

much from area to area that it would be a rash man who could confidently predict the overall position for 1980.

The better financially run societies would prefer to be independent of the state, though clearly the continuance of Price Commission controls.

of Price Commission controls and the much needed better wage and pension conditions for retail employees, expected

product. Surely we are past the stage of believing that private and state enterprise must inev-itably be in conflict?

The CBI has certain handi-

caps in influencing government policy. We know from experi-ence that trade unions can do

so through their armoury of strikes, banning overtime, etc. Even the threat is sometimes sufficient.

thinkable for industry to impose lock-outs, curtail production, or restrict sales to compel governments to reverse

policies. Management responsibility is something different from workers' rights to withdraw their labour, and govern-

For good or ill, our fortunes

depend upon a collaborative trinity of government, industry and labour. To fragment indus-

try's representation would be to weaken its influence still fur-

If the David of the CBL with

its limited financial and staff resources, is to stand against the Goliath of government and

the civil service (to say nothing of the TUC) it needs the loyalty of all its members. Breaking ranks and withdrawing support can only make it less effective.

Yours faithfully.

S. W. PARKINSON.

Court Mead, Coulsdon Lane,

ments know it.

However, it would be un-

scheme has a better chan general acceptance by the community as a whole, it scheme specifically limin retail cooperative Yours faithfully, DESMOND HOPWOOD,

Lecturer in Marketing, Department of Marketing University of Lancaster.

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activity where possibly state might consider a grants to voluntary

organizations, and other

pendent traders as well

remil cooperative Soci

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the next decade for co

reasons.

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pay prices for food and groceries well above the

prevailing in a more comp

It would be open in organizations to accept reject loans and/or portrared with such cond

I accept that it might difficult to define adequate marginal areas for aid but I reel that so

urban community.

attached.

There is one clear fie

#### Who will save the saviour? From Mr Andrew A. Turn Sir, I note with interest the British Government is sently being called upo

(a) The building society (b) British housebuilding try;
(c) Property companies;
(d) The secondary banking dusu y ; (e) The shipbuilding indu

(f) British Leyland (g) The British motor (BSA, Meriden, etc.) The question that com-mind is who will save saviour when or if, the should come ?

Yours faithfully, ANDREW A. TURNBULL, 140 South Pecktor, Beverly Hills California 90210, United States.

i ne in-betweei From P. H. Stunt Sir, I am a solicitor in a practice and as such, tog with other kinds of profes advisors, find myself we several hats, being at times quently at one and the time) recruiting employer, trated taxpayer and profes

P. H. STUNT. Alston, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford,

Busines



The Annual General Meeting of Grattan Warehouses Limited will be held on 23rd May in Bradford. The following are extracts from the statement of the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Owthwaite: Once again I have pleasure in reporting to you on the affairs of your Company.

The Trading during the period covered by these Accounts has again produced figures higher than ever before. Sales at £101.948,000 are an increase of 15-5% on the previous year. Trading Profits at £10,717,000 are an increase of 7.3%. Sales in the first half of the year were up by 18-4% and Trading Profits by 14-5%. At that stage in the Interim Report we stated that similar progress was unlikely to be maintained during the rest of the year. It has turned out to be so, as the second half of the year has produced an increase in Sales of 12-8% and Trading Profits of 2-0%. Gross Margins were pegged within the reference levels imposed by Counter Inflation legislation—therefore the continuing rise of operating costs and of stock replacement has affected net margins.

Whilst one often hopes that results may turn out better than they do-I feel that under the circumstances these results are indeed satisfactory. PEOPLE

During each of the recent years there has been some form of upset within the country to affect the normal running of the Company. This year is no exception as we experienced the energy crisis and the resulting disruption. Difficulties caused by this were minimised by the extra efforts of Staff working under abnormal conditions for unusual hours. The efforts of everybody enabled us to keep our systems going with the minimum of delay or inconvenience to our customers. I appreciate very much the work done by Staff during this difficult period and during the rest of the year when conditions were more normal. This year has not been an easy one for them and their help has been much appreciated.

I also acknowledge the importance of the support we have received from those who supply our goods, and our spare time agents who look after our customers' needs.

Whilst the Board changes were reported in October in the Interim Statement, it is right that they are referred to again in this Annual Report. The world of business is becoming more complicated rather than less and this trend is likely to continue. Therefore, it is becoming even more important that your Company's affairs are guided by a strong and experienced team. I welcome Mr. M. M. Place joining Mr. E. T. Haslam as Joint Managing Director in my place.

BORROWING POWERS Following the review of the future requirements of your Company, the Preference and Ordinary members are to be asked to approve the updating of your Company's borrowing powers from the equivalent of the Paid-up Share Capital to 11 times the Paid-up Share Capital plus Reserves.

This type of business requires substantial investment in such things as stock and debtors and needs the ability to deal with any unforeseen circumstances which may arise. The increase in the borrowing powers will provide a more up-to-date framework within which the affairs of the Company can be managed.

Preference Shares The Share Capital of the Company includes 5% Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each. As a result of the redemption requirements, under which these shares were originally issued, the outstanding shares now only number 22,131. Consequently, it is considered appropriate to offer

to redeem all these on the 30th June, 1974, at £1 per share. THE ROTHERHAM SALES OFFICE Good progress has been maintained in the construction of this building,

**Another Year of Progress** 

supervision and in carrying out the actual work. It should be ready for our use by the autumn. The Company has received much help in all sorts of ways from the

in touch. During the year the Company has continued to recruit Staff locally and to train them in temporary accommodation rented in Sheffield. In the autumn the Staff-some 200-will be moved into the new Office and will provide the base for its future expansion. **CURRENT YEAR** 

Rotherham Authorities and the many people with whom we have been

The start of the present season was not as good as we were hoping forlargely due to the energy crisis and the introduction of the 3-day week which affected the whole of the country.

The delivery of some of the Spring and Summer Catalogues was delayed -therefore a number of agents did not receive their copy until after the normal time—this affected the expected inflovy of orders and undoubtedly some were lost. Since then, the flow of orders has improved and I do not see why they should not continue to do so at a satisfactory rate. Any estimate of the possible Net Profit in the future depends on what

steps the Government decides to take about reducing Gross Margins in

Retailing and how long they are to remain in force. However, the Government's proposals, as at the time of writing, would have a severe impact on Net Profits. Whilst it is difficult to judge what the trading conditions are going to be like throughout the country during the rest of the year, Catalogue Agency Mail Order is an established and attractive method of buying family.



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thanks to the considerable efforts of those concerned in the planning. The Annual Report and Accounts are available from The Secretary, Gratten Warehouses Ltd., Anchor House, Ingloby Road, Bradfold, Yorkshire 8099 2XG

#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Slater, Walker accounts support bid theories

: 161p last night, Slater Walker low 30 per cent off its year's and the increased activity in shares over the past couple weeks would seem to suggest t the market now sees the g awaited bid as fairly immiit. Certainly, everything tinues to point that way, en the continuing tidying up ocess while the switch to

ating associates on a cost plus st-acquisition reserves basis her than market value no are than falling in line with iat is now the common accounacv line-clearly comes at a nely moment. On the new basis, then, we

re year-end net assets-eady taking in 56 1m of realiion losses subsequent to the ar-end-of some 154p. True, ning associates at arket value und drop that figure to nearer Slater, Walker Securities: year)p. but the point appears to end assets worth 154p a sharethat the move to buy in Slater uker investment Trust and : recovery in shares like stain has already started to rrow the gap significantly. That, then, would suggest that se who are looking for a bid Tating

im the £126m cash that shows aight through in the balance et, a large part of the bank-; subsidiary's assets are appathy in liquid or near-liquid

counts 1973 (1972) pitalization £118m t assets £112m (£113m) e-tax profit £23.4m (£17.6m) rnings per share 16.9p (16.2p)

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#### Vrite-offs gainst profits

yeo's normal practice is not to arge to revenue the interest its incurred on a housing velopment until the houses sold, which means there is ne delay before rising interest es become reflected in the Dit and loss account. The gnitude of the distortion ich that would have meant in 73 is clear enough from the terest level from £3.03m to

However, the marginal fall in ofirs, before a further £2.2m ite-down to cover the fall in e value of the land bank, coinfed with a period when busi-ss was still going well. Indeed, you says turnover in residenil developments, rentals and les of commercial develop-ants, have all been hitting reeted levels in the current ar. But the obvious guestion mains—what will happen in e event of a slowdown as the ar progresses?

In the meantime, the shares for Lazards ve to contend with a cut in the ral dividend and the conviction the stock market that First tional is looking for ways to spose of its 21.7 per cent ding. At 25p, with a p/e ratio 8} they will need all the help sy can get from a yield of 11.7

nal: 1973 (1972) pitalization £5m les £16.2m (£12.7m) e-tax profits £1.15m (£3.03m) rnings per share 3.02p (6.74p) vidend gross 2.92p (4.82p)



#### **NatComm**

A premium

close to 200p a share may not. A 51 per cent interim improve-stretching the imagination ment in pre-tax profits allowed it far. Slater is now a much the shares of National & Com-are manageable and attractive their recent show of strength mosition to a bidder than, and close a further 3n up at 680. oposition to a bidder than, and close a further 3p up at 68p.

7, a year ago, while, apart Here they sell at 5.9 times the past 12 months' fully taxed earn-ings—a sufficient premium over the London clearers to suggest some switching potential should declining interest rates bite into the above average endowment element in the Royal Bank of Scotland's profits.

Already the accolade of major profit-earner within the group has probably passed south of the border to Williams & Glyn's whose smaller endowment element should see it move clearly into the lead if rates do fall this All the same, the two banks together are bound to witness some decline from their first-half combined profits of £26.1m, with £22m the most likely round figure for the cur-

As for associates, much will depend on the interim figures from Lloyds & Scottish, due next week. For several reasons, L & S is unlikely to have fared as hadly as Mercantile Credit, but a £1m drop in associates contributions between the two halves to around £4m cannot be ruled out. All in all, NatComm's prospective p/e ratio cannot be much under 54.

s thought it prudent to write it to cover interest costs on which progress — more than business falls outside the Bank good deal of capital investment of England's deposit growth. of England's deposit growth controls But with a prospective 3.8 per cent yield no help, the shares seem to be pinning some of their faith on the unquantifiable benefits of being an important power in the Scottish economy.

Interim 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £153m Pre-tax profits £31.1m (£20.5m) Dividend gross 1.395p (1.325p)

#### S. Pearson & Son Liquidity boost

It was the performance of Lazards that the market was most anxious to track when the preliminary figures from S. Pearson & Son appeared yesterday. Happily, the 78.8 per cant owned subsidiary seems to have done no worse than expected.

Although there has appar Final: 1973 (1972)
ently been a Elm write down in Capitalization £8.3m
the medium and longer term Pretax profits £2.05m (£1.28m)
assets, the buoyancy of the broklong and other financial interDividend gross 7.17p (6.83p)

ests probably limited the fall in the financial division's total profits to less than half this amount. Since the year end liquidity has been helped by the £171m sale of the Old Broad Street premises.

The overall performance of the group was fairly reflected in a 6p fall in the share price to 130o. Rising newsprint costs and a decline in advertising made an impact in the closing three months and were largely responsible for a £94,000 setback in the 63,6 per cent owned Pearson Longman subsidiary in the second half, although book publishing was satisfactory, par-

ticularly overseas.

After a doubling at the interim stage, Doulton apparently ended the year under film to the good at about £5.3m. The investment trusts, thanks to higher dividend and interest income, achieved record profits, which are, however, unlikely to be attained this year. At Château Latour, resistance to

chateau Latour, resistance to high quality charet prices has been experienced and profits are slipping back towards the £500,000-a-year level.

Selling at 9.6 times earnings and yielding 5.3 per cent there is little reason to prefer Pearson to any other of a long list of industrial holding companies.

Final: 19/5 (13/5) Capitalization E88m Sales E158.5m (E132.1m) Pre-tax profits E18.1m E17.0m) Earnings per share 13.54p (15.45p) Final: 1973 (1972) Dividend gross 6.89p (6.56p)

#### Matthew Hall

#### Good forward order book

The picture at Matthew Hall was distorted last year by was distorted last year by a bunching of contract completions in the final quarter (fullowing the building strike earlier in the year), and there may possibly be a repeat of that simuation this year after the three-day week.

Any delays in construction work should begin to show themselves about now so far

themselves about now so far as Hall's environmental engineering side is concerned, so first half profits are by no means in the bag yet. However, there is scope to make up the lost ground later, as happened last

year.
These hiccups in work in pro riese niccups in work in progress and completions aside, the underlying order situation at Hall is good. Apart from continuing work on the Stock Exchange building there is the contract for all the mechanized services at the new Covent

good deal of capital investment at the moment, some of which Hall is already contracted to do, while there is more still for

which it is tendering.

In the North Sea, Hall is doing the design engineering for storage module structures on a "Shell" production platon a "Dieu" production plat-form and, that entry now made, there is hope of more work of this kind. A joint venture with Onnium Technique des Trans-ports par Pipe Lines, of France, offers the additional capability of setting into the Namb Comof getting into the North Sea pipeline field and the prospect of spin-off work for Hall's

chemicals side.

This offers fair support for the shares at 73p where the historic p/e ratio is 8.4 and where they are further underpinned by a yield of close on 10 per cent. The interim figures will show whether a clear run is possible this year despite the three-day week. If so, the shares could reap some benefit from a firm forward order book well laced with escalation clauses.

Business Diary: FHA's Oliver • Object lesson

# Waiting for the new computer range from ICL

over the past 11 days, Honey well annuonced its new range of computers in London and other places; ICL did not aunounce its new range of com-puters at the Hanover Fair; and ICL confirmed that it is taking a one-third stake in Computer Peripherals Inc of Minneapolis.

As background, it should be mentioned that the announce-ment of ICL's new range has been awaited for some months, or years, and that the other two equal paraners in CP1 are Control Data Corporation and NCR, both United States computer

The reason ICL just might have chosen Hanover as the launch pad for its new range was that it chose Hanover one year ago to launch its small but significant 2903 system, and that the company is much Euro-pean-minded at present. But not that much, as the CPI deal indicates.

So when is ICL likely to announce? What is the likely impact of Honeywell getting in first? Does the ICL link with CDC and NCR on peripherals preface a closer relationship hetween these three in main. between these three in main-frame computers? (And if not, why not?) And has ICL de-cided that effective collabora-

Two events and one non-event tion lies across the Atlantic numbers. Mr William Norris of an ex-Univac managing direction of the staff but an across the Chan-CDC and Mr William Anderson tor—they found high technical English Electric Computers tion to International Computers and?

of NCR: are insisting at the quality in the staff but an when they merged in 1958.

Mr Geoffrey Cross, ICL man-aging director, has given direct answers on two of these points. The deal is strictly confined to that all three companies peripherals, nothing more he committed to their own the declared this week. As for lines of computers, either in European collaboration, the announced of soon to company the collaboration of the collabor ward to welcoming other mem-bers into the CPI club-when

the time is right.

The economies of scale which the CPI operation gives to the parent companies clearly makes sense. A new research, development and manufacturing centre which is to be set up in Britain comes as a bonus for the United Kingdom pariner. But the end-product of the

CPI excerprise is not a single range of machines which are marketed jointly by the three parents. Unidata-style. It is a single range of mathines which are marketed separately tand on occasion in competition; by the parents, either as self-cen-tained items or as parts of

complete systems.

Thus, aichough the new United Kingdom plant will supply identical bardware to ail supply identical bardware to an three parent companies for the lessons from the noneymore British and continental Euro-experience.

British and continental Euro-experience.

To be fair, ICL has already about its new-range This is one basic reason why

moment that no deal is enviscollaboration. Aporher reason is that all three companies are committed to their own new lines of computers, either just

Control Data, for example, has just announced its Criber 170 series. Mr Nick Bark, man-aging director of Control Data in the United Kingdom, expects this series to have a life of ar

least seven years.

Against this, Mr Anderson, NCR president, stressed in London recently that NCR and CDC were working on the design of computers which would be compatible with each other. And there is no doubt that a close association between the three computer companies in the peripherals project will make it rejectively easy for them to work together in other aress later.

In peripherals, then, a healthy move in ICL. They the company is left with the big problem; what to do about the New Range? Here there are

continue to compete for the cone a lat about its new-range customers' orders.

This is one basic reason why management moved in in Mr Cross (and his opposite 1972-an ex-IBM chairman and

unfocussed total effort and a sagging reputation for the company in the world nutside.

directed, betrer-trained team which has focused harowere and software design into a single "product development" effort and has laid great stress on customer satisfaction. ICL has also-despite the

non-announcement—sold some new-range systems, including an important P3 medium-sized machine which the Central Computer Agency will use as a test bed for future Government computing projects.
Whatever the technical de-

wnaiever the technical de-lights of ICL's new hardware— and whiter-than-white-hot tech-nology by itself no longer attracts customers—the overall task which it has to perform is similar to that faced by Honey-well in designing the Series 60.

announced last week.

It is to make an effective transfer from several parallel lines of computers in the past to a single mainstream for the future. And to do this without damaging existing customers' investments.

Horeywell inherited many models and ranges from its 1970 takeover of US General Electric's computer interests; ICL inherited the 1900 and

By ingenious software Honeywell has ensured that users of the company's existing models will be able to pass painlessly Since then ICL has been will be able to pass painlessly sharpened into a better- across to the new mainstream models as and when they want to; this is what "compatibil-ity" in the computer sense is

all about.
ICL will have to do the same. The British company talks of "bridgeware", meaning the software which will enable users to bridge the gap between 1900s and System 4s and the new-range models. (And, as Mr Cross has suggested, to enable IBM users to "cross the bridge of freedom" to ICL.)

The question remains-when? You do not announce a new product when your existing ones are doing well, says ICL. You announce from a position of strength, says Honey-weil. We shall announce newrunge products during this financial year fie, not later than Sentember 30, 19741, said ICL's chairman in his 1973 annual report.
With its Series 60 launch,

Honerwell last week completed the Honerwell/GE merger of 1970. When will ICL complete the ICT/EEC merger of 1968? On Monday, 1974, perhaps.

have been busy collecting in-formation for some time, and

from which developing coun-tries could profit substantially. Cooperation in achieving secur-

ity both for supplies and mar-

kets could ultimately do more than anything else to stabilize

prices and, at the same time, in-

crease the foreign exchange earnings of many developing

of large-scale, periodic rounds of tariff cutting practised in the past (the scheduled negotiations are the seventh since the war)

is not by itself the way to deal with the new situation.

In Gatt and elsewhere consideration is being given to new

concepts for promoting the freer exchange of goods, per-

haps through (in the words of Olivier Long) the development

and continuous adaptation of agreed standards or codes of

Yer, it may be that the kind

countries.

Kenneth Owen

# Crosswinds in trade talks

Prospects for the multinational trade negotiations, launched by over 100 nations in Tokyo seven worsening of the world economic and commercial climate. While sub-groups of the Trade Negotiations Committee have been busy making the necessary technical preparations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) in Geneva, the world economy has moved from boom to the edge of recession; and the rate of inflation has accelerated sharply.

At the same time commodity shortages and supply disruptions have converted buyers' markets into "sellers' markets"—for the first time since the immediate post-war period—and the simmering political crisis within the European Community has come to the boil.

In these rapidly changing conditions, the multinational trade negotiations seem, at least superficially, to have acquired an air of irrelevancy. Gatt officials are themselves clearly concerned at the threat posed by the general acceptance of such

The Director-General of Gart, Mr Olivier Long, chose to raise this question in a speech in march. He argued powerfully against those people who say that the Gart negotiations "are no longer appropriate today" and he maintained (perhaps not surprisingly) that "the recent traumatic developments have given the trade negotiations greater importance and significance ".

But in many ways this speech argued a defensive position. The contribution that Gatt can make to the liberalization of internahave a greater effect on a country's competitiveness than the wholesale scrapping of exist-

a new round of world trade They argue that the greatest negotiations, have been temp threat to a liberal world trade

negotiations, have been tempered considerably by events.

The exceptionally high level of inflation in Japan now appears likely to dampen that country's explosive and seemingly (until recently) unbeatable

Recently the Industrial Bank protectionism in 1973 than in of Japan made the rather astonishing prediction that next year it will become more costly to produce radio and television sets in Japan than in the United States as a result of the rise in the yen's exchange value and the greater rate of wage and commodity price increases in Japan than in America. The challenges of an enlarged

European trading block, pre-occupied with internal and re-gional problems, was also a prin-cipal factor behind the American's advocacy of a fresh round of trade negotiations. If the Community is today no less preoccupied with its own problems, they have acquired a

different character, more con-cerned with fundamental differences than regional hegemony. Intra-EEC agreement on the fine print of the day-to-day trade negotiations will be doubly diffi-cult to achieve at the same time as Britain is busily trying to re-negotiate the Treaty of Accession. And, of course, the very possibility of international trade talks depends on President Nixon's ability to force his Trade Reform Bill through Congress when the dangers of it getting bogged down in the Watergate labyrinth seem even greater than the threat it faces from

the emigration policies of the Soviet Union. Finally, the rise in commodity prices has changed the underlying problem from one of access to markets to the need for a continuing and unimpeded access to raw materials.

For all of these reasons the

more cynical have concluded that the trade talks, as presently envisaged, are a non-starter. Even the more optimistic to the liberalization of interda-tional trade must inevitably be severely undermined when in-flation is running at twice the flation is running at twice the general level of trade tariffs (roughly eight per cent) and ex-change rate movements can, Kennedy round of talks in the over the course of a few days, middle sixties when Britain maintained an import surcharge for much of the time. (Thus, the the wholesale scrapping of existing import duties.

Italian import restrictions need not present an insoluble probaions in international trade, which provided the impetus for insist that the worst is now past.

threat to a liberal world trade order was in August 1971 when President Nixon made the dollar inconvertible and imposed a 10 per cent surcharge on imports. But the world very quickly stepped back from that abyss. In fact, the Gatt discerned less

other recent years. For all its vehemente, the protectionist lobby in the United States, particularly organized labour. not been mobilized very effectively.

The recent more conciliatory

posture adopted by the European Community has raised hopes of a successful outcome to the present separate negotiations being conducted between the EEC and the United States (and nearly a score of other nations) necessitated by Britain's accession to the Community. Under the Gatt Articles the EEC is obliged to compensate its trading partners for any commercial injury stemming from the Community's enlargement and a fruitful conclusion

as a prerequisite for the main talks If this hurdle is cleared and an acceptable trade Bill emerges from Congress there will be no practical reason why substantive talks could not begin this autumn and (notionally) com-pleted by the end of 1975. Ironically, last winter's com-modity problems could help the

to these negotiations is viewed

progress of the Nixon trade larly Bill. Amendments like the area one proposed by Senator Mon-dale to "make access to sup-forma plies of raw materials one of the major goals of US trade negoriations could increase negoriations" could increase sympathy for the bill. The commodity situation has

also provided some of the developing countries with a genuine bargaining position. This could prevent what is called—in the cumbersome jargon of international bureaucracy-the the talks reduced to a confrontation between the rich and poor nations of the world. This situation could thus imbue the talks with a new pur-

pose, the exchange of secure markets for secure supplies. As under-investment in Third World countries is responsible for many of today's commodity shortages, there is now a fresh incentive for the kind of longterm investment required for many primary products, as long as there are assurances that the product will find a market. This shades neatly into the arguments for the removal of obstacles to imports, particu-

conduct for national commercial policy, to match the contrading environment.

Melvyn Westlake

# BERCOCK&

Mr. John King reports:

#### Sustained growth continues

The group profit before taxation for 1973 amounted to £5.157,000 on a turnover of £302 million, an increase of 53% over the comparable profit of £5,324,000 for the previous year. After taxation and minority interests, the profit attributable to members of Babcock & Wilcox Ltd before substantial favourable extraord-inary items, was £4,284,000, compared with £3,383,000 in 1972. After payment of preference dividends the earnings per 25p ordinary share have risen from 7.2p in 1972 to 9.3p in 1973, an increase of 29%. An interim dividend of 0.7875p per share was paid in

January 1974. Under the continuing counter-inflation legislation and with the increased rate of advance corporation tax introduced in the recent Budget, payment of a final dividend is restricted to 0.8451p per share which the board now recommends. The charge to taxation for 1973 shown in the summary

of results attached represents an effective rate of tax of 42.7%, on profits from all sources. This takes account of corporation tax at the rate of 52", announced in the recent Budget.

General review

Upon improved performance from all divisions and the contributions from acquisitions the return on total funds employed has increased to 13.3% in 1973, compared with 11.3% in 1972 and 9.5% in 1971.

The trading profit of the Babcock companies other than GEMS Ltd and Woodall-Duckham Group Ltd amounted to £8,092,000 on a turnover of £147 million, compared with a profit of £5,750,000 on a turnover of £126 million in the previous year. The results of Woodall-Duckham Group Ltd have, as anticipated in the interim report to shareholders. been disappointing. This was due in part to substantial deless in the receipt of important orders and to difficulties identified in 1973 with certain contracts in progress at the date of acquisition, including contracts taken by overseas operations. The Woodall-Duckham profit consolidated within the results of the Babcock group has not, however, been adversely affected by the latter items relating to the

pre-acquisition period. The company owns 25% of the issued share capital of British Nuclear Design & Construction Ltd and consolidates its results on an associated company basis. In the interim report to shareholders it was stated that negotiations were taking place with both the National Nuclear Corporation Ltd and the Department of Industry concerning the feture

of the nuclear industry. These negotiations have made progress but as yet have not reached finality. Therefore a loss of £750,000 has been taken into the accounts of Babcock & Wilcox Ltd for 1973, being 25°, of the provision made by BNDC Ltd in its accounts for the year ended 31st March 1973, against the possibility of incurring losses in completion of inexisting nuclear contracts.

While the company continues its policy of diversification by the growth of its newer activities and by further purchases of appropriate companies, it remains its intention to expand its existing factories
by the installation of new plant and equipment where the business development and expected return justify the investment.

Based upon its strong liquidity early in 1973, the company maintained its past policy of making acquisitions for cash. The consolidated statement of source and application of funds included in the full annual report will reveal an adverse movement in net liquid funds of £9 million during the year, after absorbing £13.5 million of expenditure in respect of acquisitions. Since the balance sheet date the company's cash position has improved by some £10 million, principally by way of trading collections reflecting the high level of invoicing in the last quarter of 1973.

Conclusion At the beginning of 1974 the group had its largest ever order book approaching £350 million including contracts of a long term nature. The early part of 1974 was inevitably affected by the nationally imposed reduced working week which lasted for the first ten weeks of the year. Some companies in the group worked a three day week, but those supplying products to the power generation, coal mining and North Sea oil and gas industries were permitted to work additional and in some cases normal hours. Predictions for 1974 are therefore difficult, but the board believes that the strength of the group provided by the wide geographical industrial and market spread of its activities enables it to look to the future with

Annual general meeting
The annual general meeting of the company will be

confidence.

held at Confederation of British Industry, 21 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LP, on Friday 24th May 1974 at 12.30 p.m. If approved at the meeting, the final ordinary dividend will be paid on 28th May 1974 to ordinary shareholders registered on 19th April 1974. 

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
TURNOVER	103,553	110,586	128,094	126,802	202,232
Profit before interest					
charges	3,415	5,153	5,716	6,721	10.765
interest payable (net)	1,344	2,009	1.703	1,397	2,608
Profit before texation	2,071	3,144	4.013	5.324	8.15
Taxation	1,581	1,626	1.417	1.681	3,486
Profit after taxation EARNINGS FER	490	1.518	2,596	3,643	4,671
ORDINARY SHARE	0.1p	2.40	5.0p	7.25	9.3
Return on total funds employed	5.8%	8.4%	9.5%	11.3%	13.5%

A copy of the Chairman's full Statement and the Report and Accounts for 1973 can be obtained from the Secretary, Bahcock & Wileax Limited, Cieveland House, St. James's Square, London, SWIYALN.

# is fitting and not entirely with the Moneylenders Acts incidental that Humphrey themselves under the new conver should have been consumer credit law, leaving the less med yesterday as the new prestigious 123 banks many airman of the Finance Houses of them victims of the secondary and the secondary constraints.

Oliver, a 54-year-old director LOTIGITOTICITY
United Dominions Trust, is Not only do industrial disputes United Dominions Trust, is barrister by training and has prove expensive to employers, but so too do some of the instruments and legal sub-committees. It is fair to say that the presentations of the FIAA— was yesterday piled high with do of UDT itself—were and tremely important influence the Crowther committee's remeiv important influence the Crowther committee's Relations Bill, the official sentence of death on the Industrial inking and hence on the Bills epared by both the Conservaand Labour governments. ie fact that the mainstreamoposals for consumer protecm in the credit area have et such wide approval owes uch to this behind-the-scenes

se which exposed the anoma-us position of finance houses Kleinmanesque ider the Moneylenders Acts id led to the "secondary inks' charter"—section 123 of e 1967 Companies Act. This eemed UDT and many smaller uses to the banks for the purthough UDT itself has artained ore exalted status since then. The theme of this year's con- erick Polhill section 123 will be repealed ference is The Critical Path pseudonym

sociation, succeeding Bowiker's Gilbert Cooke. For his
m of office will embrace entent of the new consumer
edit law, a subject with which
has been uniquely concerned
th during and since the preration of the Crowther report.

Oliver a 54-year-old director Deflationary

tence of death on the Industrial Relations Act. Two consecutive callers, evi-

dently office messengers, pro-tested at the White Paper's 45p asking price. One told the counter hand: "But they said counter mand: But they said it would only cost a few coports.

Oliver, however, has a less ell-known footnote to his name the recent history of finance mass. For he was the man in large of UDT's legal departent in the mid-1960s at the me of UDT's kirkwood, the se which exposed the anomal.

Each year the 500 or so delegates who turn up for the Advertising Association's annual conference in Brighton are handed armfuls of improving literature. Yesterday, however, there was one unusual item.

and to the improving literature, took the form of a stack of the latest edition of The Spectator. which carries an article by and on him.

Humphrey Oliver: specialist at

for Advertising " and in particu-lar how the individual can object to what he sees as wrong in big business. Philip Kleinman's contribution, both to the debate

Kleinman last month left his job as editor of Adveck, one of advertising's two weekly trade papers; after disagreements with the proprietors. Mercury House Business Publications. Klein-man says these, on his part, concerned a decision that one of his regular contributors should be Mercury's chairman. Frederick Polhill, initially under a

There were also disagreements over regular articles by Kleinman—under his own name but in The Spectator.

Limerick wish to move some amendments in committee to the umenaments in committee to the Consumer Credit Bill. In clause 179, page 91, line 27, after "descendant", they wish to insert "Uncle Tom Cobley and all".

#### Sidelines The Cabinet was yesterday dis-

cussing whether, when it came to the free vote on the question of a register of MPs' interests, it would recommend a voluntary or a compulsory system. Meanwhile, a flip through the

current edition of the Hollis Press and Public Relations Annual, which is just out, indicates one flourishing area of outdoor relief for our legislators. Among the MPs listed in the public relations section there is one Socialist, William Whitlock (Nottingham, North), who with Stephen McAdden, the Tory who sits for Southend East, is a parliamentary adviser to International News Service, Europe's public leading relations

people Continuing through Hollis, the Tories appear to lead the field. There are, for example, the McNair-Wilsons-Michael (Newbury), a director of Sidney-Barton, who represent British Enkalon, and Patrick (New Forest), a director of Michael condition Rice and Company, among whose the hard clients is the Organization of prunes.

Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries. David Crouch (Canterbury) is a director of Burson-Marsteller, among whose clients is the Institute of Directors, while, turning to the Lords, the Socialist Lord Greenwood meets the eye as chairman of Bell, Capper, whose clients include Sperry

#### Press centre

At last Brussels has an inter-national press centre in keeping with its role as the notional capita! of Europe. The not inelegant concrete and tinted glass six-floor building financed by the Zurich Assurance Company will be opened on May 8 by King Baudoin himself. The imminence of the royal visit has wonderfully concentrated the minds of the Belgian contractors on the completion of its facilities. Chief among the attractions which have persuaded several

dozen foreign newspapers and news agencies (including the BBC, Reuters and The Times) to more into it is its location: it overlooks one curved flank of overlooks one curved flank of the European Commission's vast cruciform class palace, and is a minute's walk from the headquarters of the Council of Ministers. The British perman-ent representation's new offices

are also hard by. Among the facilities will be bar, canteen, post office and press conference room. Its least attractive feature is its sealed windows. At one stage the air conditioning threatened to turn the hardy pioneers into human

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The profit before taxation showed a 51% increase over the previous year. In total, U.K. and Overseas activities contributed equally to this improvement with export sales from the U.K. showing a 23% increase.

Overseas, improved results were particularly marked in Australasia, Asia and Africa.

Sales both at home and Overseas have so far continued at a satisfactory level in the current year.

Preliminary Statement for the Year ended 2nd February, 1974 1972/73

	(52 weeks) £.000	(53 weeks) £.000
SALES to outside customers	215,052	182,948
TRADING PROFIT before interest	21,107	14,474
United Kingdom Textile Activities	6 -01	4.040
Retail	9,501 985	<i>6</i> ,646 927
Non-Textile	429	178
Overseas textile activities	120	210
North America	4,710	4,367
Other countries	6,271	2,940
	21,896	15,058
Central Expenses	789	584
1	21,107	14,474
Interest	2,771	2,354
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	18,336	12,120
Taxation	9,213	6,333
	9,123	5,787
Minority Interests	506	390
PROFIT FOR SHAREHOLDERS Dividends	8,617	5,397
Preference	221	904
Ordinary	2,569	294 2,926
PROFIT RETAINED	5,827	2,177
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NOTES

(1) Changes in exchange rates since the beginning of the year have increased 1973/74 profit, before tax, by approximately £919,000.

(2) For purposes of comparison, the 1972/73 dividend figures have been adjusted by transferring Advance Corporation Tax of £668,000 on the final dividend to the taxation charge for that year. For 1973/74, Advance Corporation Tax is considered to be recoverable and is

not included in the taxation charge shown above.

(3) Expenditure on fixed assets, net of grants, was £10,197,000(1972/73 £8,254,000).

(4) The following items have been credited

(a) Profit on sale of properties and investments £869,000 (1972/73

(b) Adjustments relating to prior years' taxation and Advance Corporation Tax £1,125,000 (1972/73 £315,000).

ORDINARY DIVIDENDS

An Interim of 0.7p per share was paid and a Final of 1.1766875p per share is proposed payable 5th July, 1974 (record date 30th May, 1974). The dividends represent a gross equivalent of 2.75625p (1972/73 2.625p) or 11.025% compared with 10.5%. This is the maximum increase permitted under current legislation.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Manchester on 26th June, 1974

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#### Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Limited ball and roller bearings

Unaudited Results of the Group for the 26 weeks to 29th March 1974

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	26 weeks to 29th March 1974 £000 £000	26 weeks to 31st March 1973 £000 £000
Turpover (Sales outside the Group)	26,671	23,281
Profit before interest  Less: Interest payable:  Bank and other short term	1,842	938
borrowings (net)	440	390
8 . Convertible Loan Stock	345	346
	785	736
Profit before tax and extraordinary		
items	1,057	202
Taxation	540	136
Profit before extraordinary items Add: profits on Property and other	517	66
realisations (net of tax)	307	
	824	66
Preference Dividends	22	32
	802	34

In my Chairman's report for last year I said in addition the property and land sales refer-under normal conditions the perform-", ... under normal conditions the performance in the current year should represent a marked improvement". I am pleased to report that despite external conditions being far from normal we have maintained a substantial improvement in performance in the first six months of the current financial year. Although this statement is not due until 5th June 1 though: shareholders would be pleased to receive it as soon after resumption of full-time

working as possible. During the power restrictions which lasted from 19th December 1973 until 11th March 1974 cur employees responded to the difficul-ties in a highly commendable way. This effort, coupled with using our auxiliary generators and drawing on our stocks, helped us to minimise the cost of the crisis. During the period of the emergency we took special steps to protect our overseascustomers and achieved record export sales in the half year.

All factories resumed normal working by the end of March and material shortages problems are being resolved. Cost inflation continues to be high and the price controls limit the extent to which adequate profits can be earned in the home market. Export prices are not subject to control but, of course, market forces have to be taken into account.

We have continued to improve our liquidity through improved profits and by maintaining tight controls of stock levels and debtors and

and Stonehouse have been completed. As a result we have reduced borrowings by £900,000 since the year end and we expect to make further improvements during the remainder of this financial year whilst carrying on with our capital investment programme.

Receipt of orders from home and abroad continues to be healthy. In particular our export orders are reflecting the special attention we have been giving this sector over the past few years. We are, however, still beset with an unpredictable national and international situation punctuated with events like the recent overtime ban. Subject to unforeseen factors outside our control I remain confident about the prospects for the remainder of the

At their meeting today the Directors decided to declare a net interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 1.08875p per share (equivalent to the interim of 1.1375p paid last year). It should be noted that Deferred Ordinary Shares rank for one quarter of the rate of the ordinary dividend. This dividend amounting to £187,032 (1973-£187,457) will be payable on 18th July 1974 to shareholders on the Register at close of business on 21st June, 1974.

> G.W. BARLOW, Chairman and Chief Executive.

FINANCIAL NEWS

# Three-day week and higher costs depress performance at Serck

Albright firmly on growth

path after strong opening

The 1973-74 period is not proving to be a happy one for Serck, the Birmingham-based makers of heat exchangers and

Interest rates, the three-day week and rising costs (which cannot be fully recovered in prices) have all played their part in depressing profits and in the early part of the energy crisis "very substantial" losses were made with production down by 25 to 30 per cent.

Although taxable profits were down by 37.5 per cent to 5480,000 in the six months to March 31 the experience divides into two distinct phases. In the first quarter the main cause of an 8 per cent decline was interest charges more than doubling from £120,000 to £260,000; the operating profit improved by £100,000 to £730,000.

But over the full six months

Even in a period of restricted United Kingdom operations

Albright & Wilson, the chemical group, have achieved a significant advance in the first three months of this year. Mr Sydney Ellis told shareholders

at yesterday's annual meeting, that he saw this as consolidating the trend set in the second half of 1973—when the company earned £3.72m pre-tax against only £314,000 in the comparable half.

But future fortunes still de-

pended heavily on solving pro-duction problems at Long Har-

bour, Newfoundland, plant as well as on the general business climate. Short-term prospects

Results

United Wire

dividend raised

after record half

Though not maintaining last year's hot pace, profits more than doubled, United Wire at halfway to March 30 reports pre-tax earnings increased 51

per cent to a record £732,000 on

turnover 35 per cent better at £4.74m. Per-share earnings rose

from 3.5p to 4.6p, while the half-time payment is increased to 2.09p from 2p.

thanks to a revival in demand,

profits leapt from £583,000 to £1.12m (though short of an annual record). This Scottish-based group is closely linked with the paper industry, which

takes about half of its wire out-

put. Investment in new plant for delivery this year was ex-pected to widen the wire market

Proposing to extend the cur-

rent accounting period to December 31, 1974 (from June 30), Antony Gibbs state that the budget for the period indicates some improvement in the earnings rate on a comparable basis.

The half-time payment is 0.998p, against 1p, and the board intend

to pay a second interim in January, 1975, with a final the follow-

ing July.

The going, however, has been difficult on the banking side, and policy is to maintain high liquidity.

time (pre-tax profit up 7 per cent after the preceding 12 months' 10 per cent decline), steel makers Sanderson Kayser

steel makers Sanderson Kayser turns in a full-time rise of 33 per cent to 5570,000. Figures for 1972 included a non-recurrent special credit of £36,000. The "net" increased from £365,000 to £414,000. Surplus arising from currency fluctuations was £118,000 against £66,000. The year's dividend is up from 4.62p to 4.92p.

ziso soared, from £2.42m to

Earnings a share were 3.02p and the total dividend is 1.05p.

The tax charge soured from E55,000 to £202,000.

On turnover up from £5.97m to a record £8.04m, Horne Brothers, the family-owned menswear retail group, reports pre-tax profit up 30 per cent to

\$558,000. Its annual report, released at the same time, shows that rerail sales rose by 15 per

Following up last year's record profit of 51.16m, G R

(Holdings) has increased its interim profits narrowly from

E726,500 to £744,000 before tax.

Turnover is up from £4.9m to £5.56m. Shareholders of this

group of tanners, dyers, etc are having their dividend main-tained at 5p.

REED & SMITH Mr K. Weedy says in report first quarter has gone well and subject to demand board looks to marked

ncrease in profit

CHAS. HILL OF BRISTOL Steps taken to change and re-inforce management of loss-making

Horne Brothers

G.R. (Holdings)

Adda International Fast-expanding hotels group Adda International formerly Ditchburns, report towering profits of £710,000, against £145,000, for last year. Turnover

Halting the slide at half- MEDMINSTER

Sanderson Kayser

Antony Gibbs Hldgs

the increase in interest charges was reduced to 85 per cent, the main culprit being restricted working which cut the operating profit from Falsa to £1m. This might have been a good deal worse but for an improvement in the latter stages of the crisis which produced a small profit of £10,000 for the second period.

period.
On the face of it the third quarter should provide a brigh-ter picture with good order books and a settlement of the national engineering dispute. But with costs rising at a faster rate than the company can recover them in price increases, the resulting pressure on mar-gins is causing concern. Six-month sales rose from £15.6m to £19.8m.

Earnings a share were halved at 1.5p and the half-rime pay-ment is 1.04p (1p), this giving the same net payment of 0.7p

were good, but he would not bazard a forecast.

Last year's return of £7.47m pre-tax was about two and a half times greater than in 1972 but it was still not considered an

adequate return on the capital employed. And in a comment on

price restraint the chairman said selling prices for exports (which

with sales overseas accounted for more than half last year's total of £156m) were rising

sharply and in many cases were higher than for comparable pro-

ducts in the domestic market. Rationalization and stream

lining of operations has had the added effect of building up a strong cash position which at the year-end was around £25m.

Monsanto UK

jumps to £12.6m

After two lean years, reflect-

after two tean years, remaining the difficult times experienced by fibre producers generally, Monsanto has returned to the profit levels enjoyed before 1971 with a taxable result of £12.6m—against

£1.37m: Turnover for the year expanded from £74.6m to £89.3m.

At the half way stage the group, which is the United Kingdom end of the American textile and chemical group, gave an indication of its final results

by hoisting its pre-tax profits from £1.35m to £6.1m.

totalling £19.3m, the group made a profit of £2.8m while profits

of £169,000 were made from sales of £1.28m to North

1973 taxable profit £105,000 (against forecast £100,000). Final dividend 0.62p, as forecast. Company made public in November.

Mr R. H. Owthwaite says esti-mate of future profit depends on any Government measures on gross

RACAL ELECTRONICS
Having already forecast total of over £5.3m for year to March 31, chairman reports Racal bad " very successful" year with record re-

WADKIN
Chairman reports that present
demand would justify increase in
manufacturing facilities, but rate
of expansion controlled by cash re-

sources now under severe pressure

Sales rose from £2.64m to £3.76m and pre-tax profits from £43,000 to £141,000 in 1973-74. Dividend up

Interim pre-tax profits down from £67,000 to £65,000. Dividend up from 1.25p to 1.3p gross.

Net income for year to March 31 was 25 per cent higher at \$112.5m on sales 17 per cent up at 52,613.4m. Both figures are records. Fourth quarter net profit 533m (\$29m); income \$724m (\$635m)

Taxable profits up 37 per cent to peak £456,000. Dividend 2.15p (1.62p).

ASH SPINNING

SPERRY RAND

from 4.65p to 5.25p.

WINSTON ESTATES

GRATTAN

A breakdown of exports shows that on sales to Europe

#### **R-R Motors** see profit improving

its new form yesterday, Mr Ian Fraser, chairman, told members that it had remained in profit during the energy crisis and shorter week. If no serious problems arose in the rest of the year, the company should be able to improve on its figures. But in view of the many uncertain-ties, it was not possible to determine prospects.

#### Reports

# Trafalgar House Although the first half profits

Hopes of a return to "reasonable " profit levels for the rest of the current year are voiced by Rolls Royce Motors.

At the first annual meeting in

After the meeting Mr Fraser stated that the position regarding the £50m tax losses piled up in the R-R crash had not changed since last month's annual accounts. The company

then said it had asked the spe-cial commissioners of the Inland Revenue to state a case and, subject to counsel's opinion, a High-Court appeal was planned.

Although the first half profits of Trafalgar House Investments will still be down on the £8.2m achieved last year, Mr Nigel Broackes, says the fall will not be as big as was expected a few months ago. The second half should be no worse than last year, but he declined to forecast the full year's results.

Mr Broackes is also more

Mr Broackes is also more cheerful about property values than he was earlier this year. He considers that the downward trend in values has reached its end, at least as far as the top sector is concerned.

#### Norwich Union

Last year was a very good one for Norwich Union, Mr Desmond E. Longe writes in his annual statement. New life business reached record levels, bosiness reached record levels, bonus distributions to policy-holders rose to £33.8m and year-end net assets showed an in-crease from £799m to £918m. Non-life business showed an increase in pre-tax profits from

£8.3m to £11.1m. But the m underwriting account product in increased loss, up from a to 22.2m, and the group a yesterday that some some mororists could be facing creased premiums later.

Morris & D. Jones

On sales up 7.6 per tent £56m, taxable profits of Morris & David Jones cash carry grocery group to climbed 11.4 per cent to a rec climbed 11.4 per cent to a 522 of exceptional items (inclimated a form a 255) a £9,500 payment to a for director), against a £25 credit a year ago, profits a able for distribution are a from £667,000 to £553,500.

dividend is being raised to 33 from 3.13p adjusted for son Turnover for the current of shows an increase of 15 per cand this trend is continuing.

APPLEYARD GROUP APPLEYARD GROUP
Annual meeting told that descrisis conditions, group trader
stably in first two months of a
Pre-tax profits for first to
months £319,000.

RICHARDS (LEICESTER) Last year turnover was 12/ (52.09m) and taxable pro £127,000 (5273,000). Earning share 3.7p (5.5p).

#### YK National and Commercial Banking Group Limited.

#### Preliminary Announcement of Results for the six months ended 31st March, 1974

RESULTS

The directors of National and Commercial Banking Group Limited report the following results for the 6 months ended 31 March 1974:

	6 months ended 31 March 1974 £000s	6 months ended 30 Sept. 1973 £000s	6 months ended 31 Merch 1973 £000s
Profit before taxation The Group (note 1) Associated companies	26,110	17,979	16,164
(note 2)	4,988	4,107	4,368
Taxation (note 3)	31,098	22,086	20,532
The Group Associated companies	(13,691) (2,154)	(8,179) (1,796)	(7,507) (1,811)
	(15,845)	(9.975)	(9,318)
Profit after taxation Preference dividends	15,253 (27)	12,111 (27)	11.214 (27)
Profit attributable to the ordinary shareholders of National and Commercial		· · <del> </del>	
Banking Group Limited Ordinary dividend	15,226 (2,102)	12,084 {2,107}	11,187 (2,085)
Retained profit	13,124	9,977	9,102
Earnings per 25p ordinary share (note 4)	6.77p	5.38p	4.98p
Notes		, •	

accounting policies which were fully described in the 1973 annual accounts have been applied.

For the six months ended 31 March 1974 the Group's appropriate share of profits of associated companies has been calculated by reference to results for the six months ended 30 September 1973 for Lloyds and Scottish Limited and Finance for Industry Limited (successor to Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Limited), and for the six months ended 31 December 1973 for Associated Securities Limited and Yorkshire Bank Limited.

Corporation tax has been provided by the Group at a rate of 52 per cent on the profit for the six months ended 31 March 1974 compared with 45 per cent for the two preceding six monthly periods. Corporation tax has been provided by associated companies at the rates applicable to those companies.

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and the 224,760,000 ordinary shares in issue since the one for one scrip issue in January 1974.

The unaudited profit before taxation for the six months ended 31 March 1974 amounts to £31,098,000. This shows an increase of 41 per cent compared with the previous six months and of 51 per cent when compared with the corresponding

There has been an increased volume of business over the whole range of activities in the two main operating banks. The Group's profits on the domestic side have additionally benefited from higher interest rates. This has more than offset the

The board has declared an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the year to 30 September, 1974 of 0.935p per share. This compares with 0.9275p per share in 1973 after adjusting for the one for one scrip issue in January 1974. The interim dividend will be paid on 1 July 1974 to those ordinary shareholders registered on 31 May 1974.

Half-yearly dividends on the 11 per cent and 5½ per cent cumulative preference shares have been declared by the board and these will be paid on 31 May 1974 to those preference shareholders registered on 10 May 1974 at the rate of 3.85 per cent and 1.925 per cent respectively.

2 May 1974

J. O. Bizir-Cunynghame

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# Lazard Brothers & Co., Limited

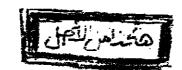
announce that from Monday, 6th May their address will be

# 21 Moorfields,

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Telegrams: Drazal, London EC2 (unchanged) Telex Nos: General: 886438 Foreign Exchange: 886104 Foreign Bonds: 888008

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#### FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

# Gilts register further strong gains

nterest rates. Gilt edged and equity sections moved forward tgain yesterday, with both secions looking more confident han for some rime past.

The gilt-edged market regi-stered its strongest rise for some necks. Strong institutional buying, mostly concentrated in the longer-dated stocks, pushed prices up by as much as 11 to It point at one stage. Althorh there was a sharp reversal later in the session which reduced these gains by 4 point, the market recovered from this set-

back.

Prices closed just below the day's best levels, with gains of up to 11 point. The Government Broker was believed to have helped relieve a shortage of long-dated stock, taking "mediums" in exchange for "longs". Medium-dated stocks, which have enjoyed good gains recently, saw less interest. recently, saw less interest.

"Shorts" managed a light advance, but most interest in this sector apparently represented switching into "longs".

Equities, too, scored wide-spread gains although the turn-lover left much to be desired. Rises of 5.0 (after 5.5) in the FT index. to 307.7, and of 1.64 in
The Times index to 121.63, must be balanced against a recorded bargains total of only 5.999— which indicates a turnover by value of well below £50m-for

Among the leaders, overseas carners like Bats (265p), BICC

The United Kingdom stock (126p), Glave (358p), Court-narket responded sturidly to suids (107p) and ICI (226p), Wall Street's overnight optimism remained in favour. At 278p, in the prospects for lower world hawker Siddeley attracted good interest rates. Gilt edged and demand, and other heavy engineering issues to advance included GKN (188p), Plessey (100p), Vickers (114p) and Tube Investments (252p). The odd one out was BLMC, at 13p after press comments on the half time

report.
Norch Sea issues. Cawoods North Sea issues.—Cawoods (152p) and Thomson Organisation (189p)—had another good session, while the Business News report that Thysses-Hutte is interested in the British private steel sector sent shares in Dunford & Elliett, S. Osborn and Balfour & Darwin ahead.

Stores were uncertain but food and other consumer stocks joined in the upturn. Secondary banks responded readily to

hopes of lower interest rates, while properties were streng-thened by bullish views from the chairman of Trafalgar House

Oil shares held steady in quiet trading, while gold shares began to edge higher in late

dealings.

The hope that United Kingdom interest rates could be about to nurn down lifted last month's unrover in short dated gilt edged stocks to its highest level since last October, accord-ing to Stock Exchange monthly statistics. The value of all deals in the "shorts" totalled £1,957m, more than 90 per cent up on the previous month's

figures.
But, with equity trading down
by £788m to £1,044m, overall
turnover on the stock market
fell by 8 per cent to £4,665m.

#### Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.						
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Ash Spinning (25p) Fin	5.55	3-63	277			
Cont Union Tst (25p) Fin	1.49	1.3	21/6	2.29		
Among Gibbs (250) Int	1.0	0.99	3//		2.5	
Matthew Hall (25p) Fin	5.27	4.95	1/7	7.16	6.82	
Matthew Hall (25p) Fin Medminster (10p) Int	1.3	1.25	7/6	_	2.5	
M. & D. Iones (25p) Fin	2.17	· 2.06+	1/7	3.31	3.13÷	
Nat & Comm Bank (25p) In	r. 1.39	1.32+	.1/7	_	2.66	
Pearson Longman (25p) Fir	4.05	3 9	21/6	6.05	5.77	
S. Pearson (25p) Fin	4 90	4.68		6.89	6.56	
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Royco (25p) Fin	1.49	2-2/	11//	431		
Sanderson Kayser (25p) Fit	3.28	21.ي	4/7	4.92	4.62	
Serck (25p) Int	1.04	T.0		_	2.5	
F. W. Thorpe (10p) Int	0.66	. 0.66	21/5	_	1.58	
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#### Bids & deals

#### **Crystal Palace** capital scheme under way

Vir Raymond Blove disclosed ver kaymond blove disclosed vesterday in regard to Crystal Palace Football Club, that a capital reshaping scheme is being prepared by merchant bankers. The scheme would increase the club's share capital and make the ownership of share in it "more readily available to supporters and the public interested in the club." In reply to suggestions link-ing Matthews Holdings with the football club, Mr Bloye (manag-

Richardson suitor is Booker McConnell

The talks which the board of March 10, 1974.

Arthur Richardson & Son were having have borne fruit, and the Midder emerges as Booker McConnell. The terms, as was McConnell. The terms, as was (Manchester). are 160p a share, valuing this Mace wholesale grocer, en, at

The bid is conditional upon Richardson making profits of not less than £300,000 in the year to February 2 last. The Richardson board intends to accept on its 6.6 per cent stake and will recommend the deal to share holders.

RKT Textiles Highlight

RKT Textiles in a deal with Highlight Sports has acquired from Westgrove Knitwear (a Highlight offshoot) its business at Blaby, Leicestershire, as a ing director of Matthews) says going concern. This comprises that the company emphatically a freehold factory and plant for denies any interest in reacquiring a controlling interest in the Stretton & Sons, has paid some Palace, 54 per cent of whose equiry he owns.

cash items such as yarn, work in progress and finished stocks. Westgrove operated at a loss of £30,000 for the 10 months to March 10, 1974.

FINANCIAL TIMES
For \$500,000 now, and \$450,000
or less, payable later depending on
profits, company has acquired
"The Oil Daily" of US. SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL

Company has acquired Boothby Pear, which had assets at May, 1973, of £70,500, and which pro-cesses peat for horticultural indus-

T. POOLE & GLADSTONE CHINA Board of Newman Industries has been informed that company has 16.62 per cent of its equity which will be held as an investment. KUROPKAN PERRIES Company to pay £67,000 in shares for James M. Dewar, naval archi-

tects and engineers. GUEST KEEN-MILES DRUCE Offer by GKN accepted by 93 per cent of shares giving total stake 95.7 per cent of ordinary.

Annual Report

#### Issues & Loans

#### Russia likely to borrow in Euromarket

The Soviet Union is expected to emerge as a substantial borrower in the Eurodollar market this year. Estimates made by increasing the likely to seek suggest that it is likely to seek between \$500m and \$1,000m in

According to a report in "International Insider", the weekly news letter on the Euromarkets, the Russian need for funds will be stimulated by the late sowing of spring crops as a result of bad weather which s likely to create an agricultural crisis later in the year,

The Soviet Union was a substantial but little-publicized borrower in the Eurodollar market last year and was thought to have raised between \$1,000m and \$1,500m. Most of its borrowing was done in the form of direct deals with individual Western banks (primarily

#### European) rather than in the form of syndications. One attempt to launch a big syndicated loan is believed to have failed because the Russians

were demanding too fine a

Even so, in the borrowers' market of last year it was able to borrow at between and and a per cent over interbank rate. Now it is likely to have to pay more. "International Insider" estimates it would probably have to pay a spread of between a per cent and a per cent to raise \$100m for between seven and 10 years. seven and 10 years.

The Comecon Bank, which the Soviet Union has used as a fund raising vehicle in the past, has recently completed a seven-year \$30m loan at a l per cent spread and a further loan of \$50m on similar terms is now thought to be under negotiation.

Agricultural Mortgage Corpn.-The £20m 144 per cent debenture stock 1984 has been oversubscribed. Allotments are as follows: Applications for amounts from £100 to £10,000, allotted in full; for £10,500 to £30,000, alotted £10,000; for £30,000 to £30,000 for £3 over £30,000, allotted above 33.2 per cent.

Christopher Wilkins

#### Europond prices (midday indicators)

### STRAIGHTS
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#### Mining

#### Charterhall in profit again

Charterhall Finance, the mining and oil exploration and property group, has swung into the black at the interim stage with a trading profit of \$80,000 (loss £21,000) manks to the first meaningful contribution from lenings at the Liverpool, New South Wales industrial estate. The figure was struck after an £18,000 write-off on exploration costs (£15,000).

The opportunity has been taken to write down the holding of the 580,000 Westmex shares acquired for £145.000, to their current market price of around 5p. This has resulted in a charge against trading profits of £129,000, thus increasing the carried forward loss by £40,000.

The major interest lies in Charternall's North Sea drilling

programme, but any announce-ment is still another two months

away.

The shares closed at 174p, unchanged on the day.

#### Mr Raper cuts holding

Mr Jim Raper, chairman of St. Piran Mining, has bought 1.98 million shares in the company from Faber Merlin of Hongkong, representing 33.97 per cent of the equity, but at the request of the Takeover Panel, he has agreed to reduce the holding below 30 per cent. Meanwhile he will exercise the voting rights attached to the voting rights attached to the 33.97 per cent holding only with the consent of the Panel. Under the special circumstances, the Panel has agreed that Mr Raper need not make a cash offer for the outstanding shares as he would normally be required to do under Rule 34.

In the past few months, St Piran has seen a radical change with first acquiring an 80 per cant holding in the ARV Building group and then selling its Thai interests for 52.75m to Faber Merlin.

#### Azcon buoyant

Net income for the third quarter at Consolidated Gold Fields 83 per cent owned American sub-sidiary, Azcon, leapt from 5848,000 to \$6.43m, bringing the total after nine months up from \$2.3m to \$11.66m. Part of them improvement came from the two subsidiaries acquired in the past year, Union Steel and Unimet, while there was an exceptional item of \$3.14m (\$423,000) arising from utilization of previous

**Andrew Wilson** 

#### THE DREYFUS INTERCONTINENTAL HYESTHERT FURD N.V.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Dreyfus Intercontinental Investment Fund N.V. has been called by the Management and will take place at Handelskade 8. Willemstad. Curação, Netherlands Antilles on Thursday. 30th May, 1974 at 10.00 a.m.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of dividend.

2. Approval of Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses for the fiscal year ended 31st August.

#### 3. Related business.

The foregoing items may be approved by a majority of the shares cast on each item. Copies of the Annual Report of the Fund containing the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses for the fiscal year ended 31st August, 1973 may be obtained upon request from the principal office of The Dreyfus Interconti-nental Investment Fund N.V., 284 Bay Street, P.O. Box N-3712, Nassau, N.P., Bahama Islands or from the offices of the banks listed below, without cost to the

Holders of bearer shares will be admitted to the Meeting on presentation of their Certificates or pre-sentation of a voucher which may be obtained from any of the banks listed below.

Holders of bearer shares may vote by proxy by mailing a form of proxy and a voucher obtained from one of the banks listed below to Mr. Herman and Miss Deegan, c/o The Dreyfus Intercontinental Investment Fund N.V., 284 Bay Street, P.O. Box N-3712, Nassau, N.P., Bahama Islands, The form of proxy and voucher must be received by Mr. Herman and Miss Deegan by 28th May, 1974, to be voted at the meeting. BOWLING GREEN COMPANY LIMITED.

Managing Director.

#### **PAYING AGENTS FOR** THE DREYFUS INTERCONTINENTAL INVESTMENT FUND N.V.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited 23 Great Winchester Street, London EC2P 2AX, England BHF—Bank Bockenheimer Landstrasse 10 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Banque Internationale à Luxembourg 2. Boulevard Royal. Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg Montreal Trust Company 15 King Street West, Toronto, Canada The Royal Bank of rue Scribe.

#### **MOULINEX**

Sales, excluding taxes, amounted to Frs. 211.3 million in the first quarter of 1974 as against Frs. 170.8 million for the first quarter of 1973-an increase of Frs. 40.5 million or +23.72%.

Export sales included in this figure were Frs. 99.3 million-an increase of 30.20% over the figure for the first quarter of 1973.

New products put on the market for the first time early last month have proved very successful and will go into series production in the course of the next few months as the necessary tooling arrives.

# The East Asiatic Company Limited, Copenhagen

Introduction

The improvement in world market trends per-ospible in 1972 was intensified in 1973. How-ever, during the last quarter a not unexpected reaction set in, and towards the end of the year the problems that arose concerning oil supplies from the Middle East further contri-buted to a feeling of general uncertainty.

Unfurtumately the aforesaid favourable trade conditions brought pronounced inflationary tendencies in their wate. In a number of countries – and particularly in Denmark – the present upward trands in prices and in wages have become problems of the greatest in-

The Company's immover fucressed in 1873 to kr 17,545 million companied with kr 12,936 million in 1972. Of this the Company's affiliates and subsidiaries contributed kr 8,500 million, he both years activities outside Denmark itself accommend for about \$7 % of the total.

It is gratifying to note that after provision has been made for depreciations and taxes the profit for the year came to kr 106,551,517, compared with \$69,002,629 in 1972; and with the addition of kr 15,903,937 brought forward from the previous year, the amount at disposal totals kr 122,455,454.

This result is arrived at after ordinary and extraordinary depreciations on the Company's ships amounting to kr 152,285,693, compared with kr 81,733,080 in 1972, as detailed

While calling attention to the increase in share capital from kr 280 million to kr 500 million effected during the year, it is proposed to pay shareholders a dividend of 12 %, making a total of kr 60,000,000 (compared with

From the Chairman's speech at the Annual General Meeting held at Copenhagen on March 27th, 1974:

the officials – this it is suit a fine hazardos to venture a prognosis for 1974. However, if new, unexpected developments do not occur, I believe that a certain amount of optimism is justified, in this respect I am thinking in particular of the Company's overseas activities: in the case of North America it is particularly the torest industry on Vanocuver Island in British Columbia, Canada, that, in view of the

In South America, Brazil is the country at present showing the strongest economic growth and our activities in the area should benefit from this. But also Yensznela offers good possibilities.

In Africa, Nigeria in particular is in a strong economic position, thanks, among other things, to its important oil deposits. Our organization there, which operates under the name of S. T. Briscoe (Nigeria) Ltd., has

in connection with the recent increase of share capital in that company, whereby 40% is now owned by Nigerians. I am furthermore able to report that following negotiations with the Nigerian authorities we succeeded in re-serving a part of the increase for our approx-lmately 1,700 local staff members – so here, also, the Company's own form for Economic Democracy has won its way.

As stated in the Annual Report now before us, the past year ended in an atmosphere of some uncertainty - particularly as a result of the oil crisis - and it is still a little hazardous

As regards Asia, it is gratilying to be able to state that the Far Eastern countries, where

It is furthermore proposed to make allocations stc., as anumerated in the accounts following this report, including - in view of the satisfactory results - a provision of krossistatory results - a provision of kro

Copies of the full Report are available on re-quest.

home, are making a considerable contribu-tion to the good results achieved. The pro-spects for that part of the world, where keen-ness and progress prevail, continue to be ta-yourable.

We also believe that the Company's shipping activities' - notwithstanding the present high bunker rates - will enjoy a reasonably good year; and we are happy that we were so early in implementing the concept of comtainer transportation, which has progressed laster than we dered hope. Our new engagement in bulk carriers, which interacts to an important extent with our trading activities, made a according you that we are at his moment in the final negotiations with Burmelster & Waln in respect of the construction of two 60,000 ton bulk carriers to be delivered in 1975 and early 1977. That is the maximum ship size that can 1977. That is the maximum ship size that can pass through the Panama Canel. Other plans for extension and renewal of our fleet are also under consideration.

#### Profit and Loss Account for the year 1973

Income	DM.
Shipping Department Profits Head Office's Trading Profits Branches' Profits, and Dividends from Branches	121,037,568 58,911,099
Registered as Limited Companies Dividends on Capital Participation in Other Companies Head Office, Sundry Income	181,769,562 128,239,870 6,584,055
Less Interest and Financing Expenses at Head Office	496,521,954 31,055,539 465,468,415
Depreciations Dkr.	,,,,,,
On Ships, Containers, etc.	
Ordinary 53,687,819 Extraordinary 98,687,874	
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On Buildings and Inventory	
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	301,059,278
Administration Expenses	
Salaries etc. to Management and Employees Pension Scheme 75,789,272	
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Sundries 34,561,361	
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	166,200,358
Expenses Relative to the Capital Incresse in 1973	
(incl. Holding-Company)	
2 % Stamp Duty on it 280 mill	
Other Expenses	
Less 5 % Premium collected on kr 150 milt	5.051,804
Profit before Taxation	181,148,554
Taxation	54,597,037
Profit for the Year	106,551,517
Balance prought forward from last Year	15,903,937
At Disposal	122,455,454
Distributed as follows:	
Dividend to Shareholders	
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To Board	
To Management and Employees	17,941.333
	79,514,121
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Development Fund	18,003,000
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Additional Dividend to Shareholders	
7% of &r 500,000,000	35,000,000
	26,514,121
Provision for Dividend for later Distribution	

2% of kr 500,000,000 (ref. Annual Report) ..... Balance Carried forward to next Year .....



Head office: 2, Holbergsgade, DK-1099 Copenhagen K., Denmark

#### Wall Street

New York, May 2.—Wall Street stocks moved smartly ahead after an early bout of irregulatry. By 2 pm the Dow Jones Industrial average had risen 7.51 to 861.39 after being 1.17 down at one stage. effer being 1.17 down at one stage. There was little in the early news to spark a continuation of yesterday's unsurge and some light profit-taking was apparent. But this was shrugged off in the afternoon and prices moved sharply higher.

Leading the most active list was American Telephone and Telegraph which rose \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$\frac{1}{2}\$. Signs of an easing in money marker rates often helps ATT's stock, since the corporation frequently rakes to those markers for its financing.

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Yesterday the Dow Jones Industrial average surged 17.13 points to 853.88. It was ahead more than 20 points at its peak for the session. About 1,080 issues advanced while only 360 declined. Trading was active during the rally, with volume for the session

totalling 15,120,000 shares compared with 10,980,000 shares on

from inflation's spiral were based in part on the Government report yesterday that farm prices fell by 6 per cent in the month ended April 15.

bute the rally largely to indications that interest rates were peaking.

#### Bank Base Rates

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Barclays Bank	12½ % 13 %
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Lloyds Bank	1216
Midland Bank	121%
Nat Westminster Shenley Trust	123 %
20th Cent Bank	121
G. T. Whyte	13 %
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#### **Commodities**

#### Forward zinc at new record

A fresh sharp rise took the three months ZINC price to a new all time high on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. At £790.50 it was up £19.50 on the day.

With a jump of £50 in cash metal the backwardation widened to around £77 as near by supplies tightened. Some quarters reported a general revival of consumer

Russia has agreed to be bound by the 1973 International Sugar Agreement which entered into force on January 1 this year, the United Nations Legal Office has an-nounced.

#### Aggressive liquidation hits NY cotton futures

#### The Times Share Indices

#### **Money Market**

Rates

Pinance House Base Rate 15%

Unit trust prices, page 30

#### Foreign Exchange

#### Violent swings in currencies

The dollar closed little changed in the major European currency centres yesterday after a session of violent exchange swings in the

of violent exchange swings in the leading currencies.

The dollar finished at 2.4850-70 against the mark, a fractional net movement on its 2.4560-90 overnight level, after hitting 2.4735-4800 at mid-session.

Intensive profit-taking in European currencies, following their sharp exchange rate appreciation of the last few sessions, initially helped the dollar revive, London dealers reported. However, an apparent outflow of dollars from New York into Eurocurrency markets, based on some United

#### Spot Position

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Market rates   1647 \( \) range   May 2   Rew York   \$2.400-4256   May 2   \$2.3130-3300   May 1 red   \$2.3130-3300   May 1 red   \$2.3130-3300   May 1 red   \$2.325-350   May 1 red   \$1.40-2.40   \$1.40-2.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40-3.40   \$1.40   \$1.40-3.4	Market rat (close) May 18 420 420 \$2,710 420 420 \$2,710 420 420 \$1,80 420 \$1,8

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ago.

Sterling rose to \$2,4750 against the dollar but closed at \$2,4155, up 10 points. The pound was lair partly aided by sliding Eurodollar rates. Its effective devaluation of the party was narrowed to 16.97 from tion rate narrowed to 16.97

mark exchange rate, with marken in a highly nervous state ahead of the release of the West Garnar March trade statistics—now expected today, or possibly our week, dealers noted.

The gold price rose 25 cents mounce, to close in London at \$170.

#### Credit short

Credit was short in the London discount market yesterday and the Bank of England gave help on a moderate scale to relieve the standon, buying Treasury bills and corporation bills directly from the houses and also extreme corporation bills directly from the houses and also taking some treasury bills from the banks. Rates ran an uneven course, reflecting changing wews about the way events would finally unfold. The possibility of shortage prompted early bids in the region of 10 or 112 per cent from the house Rates were pulled back to 18 or 11 per cent later, but the morning was not half-way through before rates were rising again. By this time it looked as though them could be a large shortage, and the

Recent Issues

#### SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP LIMITED



#### **RECORD RESULTS IN 1973**

	: 1973	1972	1971
	£'000	£'000	£'000
ROUP TURNOVER	21,991	16,220	10,663
ROUP TRADING PROFIT	2,562	1,506	1,392
ROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2.316	1,332	1,416
NANCE EMPLOYED	13,298	10,546	5,058
VIDENDS	1.578p	1.54p	1.47p
ARNINGS PER SHARE	4.6p	2.7p	3.5p

The Directors are pleased to announce record results for 1973. Group Profit before taxation amounted to £2,315,722 an increase of £983,945 over 1972.

Our efforts in 1973 and in early 1974 have been directed towards ensuring organic growth within the Group. Capital expenditure on new plant and buildings has been heavy in the last two years and further important schemes have gone ahead in the early months of 1974. All Divisions have benefited from this expenditure and increased profits should be generated in 1974 and 1975.

The miners' strike affected the first three months of 1974 but the effect on the Group was minimal. Many of our larger factories were licensed, after a short time, to work on a 5 day basis and generators were purchased and hired to maintain production in other works. It is difficult to assess the loss of Group profit as a result of these interruptions but management information suggests only some £50,000. With order books at a high level the prospects for 1974 are encouraging. The Directors believe, therefore, that further growth will be achieved in 1974 subject, of course, to any problems arising from the confused industrial, political and economic situations that currently exist.

R. SMITH, Chairman

SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP LIMITED, SENIOR HOUSE, 21, DERBY RD., WATFORD WD1 1LT

#### U.K. Investors with Property in Australia

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# Mr. John Mackay reports strong demand in 1973

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	(1101:11101red 25(62)	1973 £6,298,022	1972 £5,091,764
	PROFIT BEFORE TAX	930,493	745,406
	Earnings per	407,493	457,406
	ordinary share Dividend per	8.42p	9.45p
	ordinary shere (including associated	3.78p	3.62p

 Exports to Europe increased by 86%. We are giving even closer attention to oversess. markets where we can offer a service and range of products not commonly available.

• We have a modern plant ideally balanced to produce the types and widths of carpet sought by our customers.

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tinue to have the confidence to refurnish, we are well poised to satisfy all the demands thus

Carpet Factory, P.O. Box No. 1. Freeman's Place, Durham City

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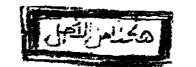
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By Order of the Board

L. M. F. LEGGE,

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In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1973 and In the Matter of WELLCAMPED Limited (In Liquida-

WELLCAMPED Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is briefly given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1943, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBER'S of the above-named Company will be, held at the Offices of RUGER WILLIAM CORK of the firm of W H CORK, GULLY & CO. Chartered Accumums of 19, Eastered. Lendon ECIM 104 the Liquidation ferrent. on Thursday, the 9th Co. of May 1974, at 3.39 p.m. to be followed at 140 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITOR's for the surpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealmes and of the conduct of the Windra-Up to date.

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BLACKBORO & NONS Limited Nonce is hereby swen pursuant Section 295 of the Companies Act, 104 that a MEFTING of the CREDITOR of the above-named Company will in beld at The Bourinston Hote Southnamen Row. London, WC1, or Tuesday the 14th Cav of May 1974 11,30 act, for the purp see meanimed Sections 244 and 255 of the said Act.
11.30 act. for the nurs so mentioned Sections 24 and 29 of the said Act. By Order of the Board, A. E. BLACKBORO.

LEGAL NOTICES No. 00917 of 1974. No. 60917 of 1974.
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Charactery Division Companies Court in the Matter of EUROPIA PRINTING CO. Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act., 1948. CO. Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act. 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was en the Bred day of April 1974, presented to the acid Court by Capital Paper Company Limited whose testistered office is at Devonshire House, I Devonshire House, I Devonshire House, I Devonshire the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 20th day of May 1974, and any creditor or courributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition may appear at the time of hearing to any creditor or contributory of the said Company regulating such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Limited and in the matter of The Companies Act 1948. 

No. 80393 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the matter of INTERNATIONAL in COMBUSTION (HOLDINGS) Limited and in the matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 4th day of April 1974 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctionings of a SCHEME of ARRANGEMENT and Aumignmention and (b) the CONTERNATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £12,500,000 to £3,162,400 by cancelling and extinguishing 200 of each 250 of Ordinary Stock comprised is every indicing of Ordinary Stock comprised in every indicing of Ordinary Stock comprised in each Company as provided for by the said Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation.

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CLIFFORD-TURNER & CO. 11.

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Solicitors for the said Company.

No 00785 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the Matter of BLYTH, GREENE, JOURDAIN & COMPANY Limited and in the Manner of The Companies Act. 1948.

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Dated this list day of the process. Dated this 1st day of May 1974, Allen & Overy, 9 Cheaptude, London ECTV 6AD. Solicitors for the Company.

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G. A. DRAIN.

Secretary.

NALGO House. 8, Harewood Row. London, NWI 6SQ.

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Further information is available from the Administrative Officer, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Lancaser, Lal 470, to whom applications, including a brief curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be forwarded by 15 July, 1974.

#### Appointments Vacant also on pages 30 and 31

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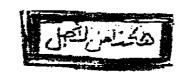
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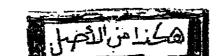
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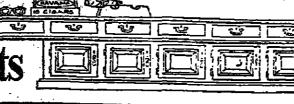
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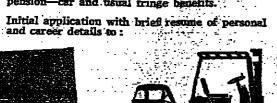
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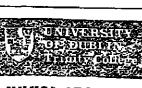
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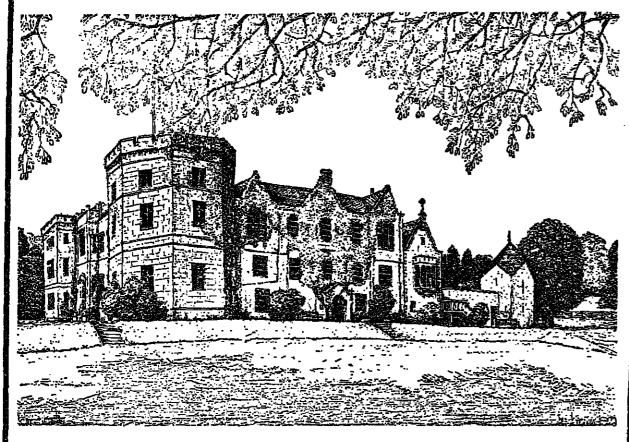


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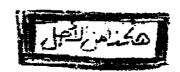
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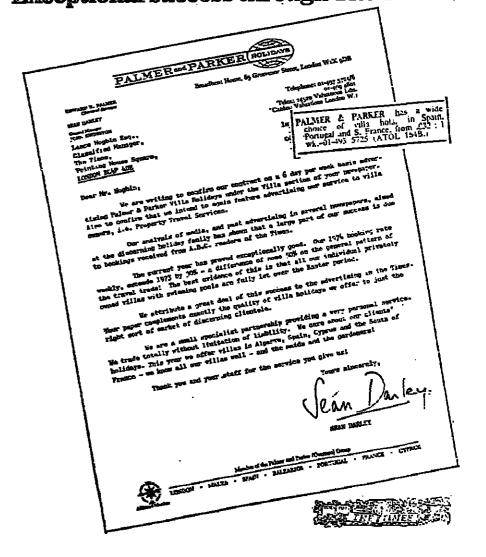
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HOMSON.—At Western General Hospital Edinburgh, on 30th April. 1974. to Spiria Inee Mitchell and William—a son (Edward).
WOODROW.—On May 1st. in Narrobl. to Resamend (nee Bright), and James Woodrow—a daughter (Katherine Rosemary).

BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGUERITE MARTIN DEESON is 9 today. Love and cheers from Munny, Daidy, Sam and Tobi.

**MARRIAGES** 

GEE: TAYLOR.—On 1st May at Caston Hall, London, David C. L. Gee to Vivienne Mary Taylor.
GLASS: GRAY.—On the 27th April 1974 at 5t, Helen's, Tarportey. Cheshire, byp the bridegroom's nocie, the Archderzon of Man, George McInnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Glass of Charing, Kent, to Susan, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gray of Alptalasm. Tarporky

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,678

This puzzle, used at the York regional final of the Cutty Sark/ Times Crossword Championship, was solved within 30 minutes by 50 per cent of the finalists.

DEATHS

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Alamon Cromanion, Golders Green. Tuesday, May 7th, at 1 pm Flowers to J. H. Ken; on I td., 81 Westbourne to J. H. Ken; on I td., 81 Westbourne Grover, W. Grover, G. S. Margarett, Kalmaschim, Dearly loved husband of Phylis and father of Cella and Ian, R. I. P. Rominem moss at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Automater, took clace on Wednesday and was followed by interdient at Ammater temperer. Wednesday and was followed by interdient at Ammater temperer. HUTTON--UG April 29, peacefully in the London Hoselal. Lispeth flutton, of 8 Berlington Cordens, siembeet, 1957tic.—On 30th April, 1974. m an Eastbourne, arraine home. W. P. (Peter) Justice, of the Hydro Hotel and ol Bu with, husband of the late Dotts Beane, day later of Monical Bennett and Paidly Creation and "grandlad" of Peter, Nicholas, Judith, Devid, Richard, Nigel and Lucy, Priester cremation at Eastbourne on 8th May, Cat. Iowara enty to Haines, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April, 1971, Misel and Lock Priester Cremation at Eastbourne, or donations, II desired to N.S.P.C. C. LAIDLAY-On 50 April May, and Queen's Grate Graders. London, persocials, in her sist year, Janet, only daughter of the late Col. Charles Carrier and Beatinot Letter only daughter of the late Col. Charles Carrier and Beatinot Letter only daughter of the late Col. Charles Carrier and Beatinot Letter only daughter of the late Col. Charles Carrier and Service at Halv Trissiry, Prince Consult Road, S.W. on Monday, May 6th, at 14.30 am., felowed by private crentation, Famility Mayers of the New York, in Extern. Even him to the Blassod Sacrament, Heavitiers of the Blassod Sacrament, Heavitier, Tuesday, in May, 1874, in Extern. Tuesday, in May, 1874, in Extern. Tuesday, in May, 1874, in Extern. Tuesday, in May, 1874, in Both of the Blassod Sacrament, Heavitier, Extern. Tuesday, in May, 1874, in May, 1874

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CHENEVIN-TRENCH,—On May lot reacculy at his home, Link Westport, Warcham, in his 89th year, Brigadier Rairh Chenevin-Trench, C.B., O.B.E., M.C. thate Royal Engineers and Royal Signaish, beloved hustand, Iather and grandfather, Funeral on Tuesday, May at St. Nicholas, Sudland, at 2.9 p.m. The 10.30 train from Waterhoo can be met at Warcham if resulted fair, 12.37. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, to Housing the Homeless, 13 Suifolk Street, London, S.W. 15. Homeless, 13 Sutfolk Street, London, S.W.I.

CLARKE,—On 30th April, 1974, suddenly, at Edmburgh, Ann Kate Isobel Clarke Ince Swani, 25 Grange Loan, Edinburgh 031-667, 7011. Belowed wife of Derek and mother of Christopher. Perro, Tristran and Andrew, Service at Rosbyn Chapel on Monday, 6th May, at 200 p.m. to which all friends are invited. Cremation thereafter private. Flowers may be sent to W. T. Dumbar & Sons Limited, 116 Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

CLAUSON.—On 1st May, Sir Gerard Classon, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., F.S.A., and Classon, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., F.S.A., and G. S. Very dearly loved husband of Honor and father of Lesley Anne Lane and Oliver, Femeral 12.30. Monday, 6th May, at Christohurch, Victoria Road, W.S. No flowers please.

Victoria Road, W.8. No flowers please.
CLAYTON.—On May 1st, 1974, suddenly at her home. Pipers Hay, Evershot, Dorset, Mary Windfred, beloved wife of Colonel Roscoe Clayton. Funeral service at St. Osmands Church, Evershot, on Friday. May 10th, at 2:30 p.mt. followed by private cremation at Yeoville. Flowers to A. J. Wakely, Funeral Directura. Bridgeon, ar. Besminster, Dosset, or to the church by 12:30 please. CLEIN.—On April 28th, peacefully, after a long illness, Dr Simon Clein, B.Sc., I.A.H., of Il Bebraham Road. Cambridge. Beloved husband of Rachel, and tather of Laurence and Peter.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANSELL—A memorial service for Sam

Ansell wil be held at The Brady Club
and Settlement. 192 Hambury Street.

E.I. Sonday, May 5th. 8.00 p.m.,
COGRIAN.—A service of thanksiving for the life of Mickie Cogstum
will be held at the Fernhurst Parkin
Chutch, near Hashemere. Surrey, on
Sasurday 11th May, at 11.30 a.m.
PEPYS: CHBISTOPHER PEPYS,
Bisbop of Buckingham. A requiren
mass will be song in the Church of St.
John Divine, Kenningson, Vassall
Pand S W 0 at 10 a.m. on Sammfay. Rachel, and father of Laurence and Peter.

GALLOWAY.—On 30th April, 1974. suddenly at his home at Washon-on-Thames. Colonel J. R. Dermot (lumbo), late Colonel R.A., C.B.E., only son of the late Colonel John and May Gasloway of Durshoghaire. Ere. Memoral service Sanaday, 4th May, at St. Jomes's Church, Weybridge, at 2.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Rev. M. Buckley, Vicar of St. James's Church, Weybridge, for the Rev. M. Buckley, Vicar of St. James's Church, Weybridge, for John Divine, Rennington, Vass Road, S.W.9, at 10 a.m. on Sanuda 4th May.

2.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Rev. M. Bockley, Vicar of St. James's Church, Weythidee, for forwardner to St. Stephen's Hospital. Delhi, India.

GODDWAN. BENJAMIN.—A loving Grandpa who left this world on 3rd May, 1973.—Sari Ross-Enfield.

HARPER.—On 1st May, 1974, passed away pencefully to bospital after a four illness, Ethel Louise, dearly loved write of Ernest, of 104 High Street, Lindield. Dastine mother of Doreen, Gerald and Allan, grandmother of Stephen, Lindsav, Andrelm and Mandy and mother-lo-law of Allan Henderson, Jean and Bartura-Fureral service at All Sains Church. Lindfield. on Wednesday, 5th May, at 12 noon, Flowers torrays only, pleasel, to Massets and Sons, 20 High Street, Lindfield, Sussex.

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on May 3rd, 1915
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Brown, accidentally killed. May 3rd,
1941, aged 19.
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Saluons en lui un homme prodigieux
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again last night"

"Poor old Charles,"

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10 Scent the beginning of a romance (5).

11 A chance to get into the choir? (6).

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12 The coachman's advantage (4, 4).

13 She's genial even when vexed (10).

16 I've left a letter, but not for a man (4).

19 A boy is backward, and not a girl (4)

20 Engagement to meet Bill?
Or clinching one to marry hlm? (10).

22 Personality one may conceal him? (10).

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28 Bird gets centre bull before Lear's uncle (only in name) 29 Only one of them can be right (5).

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1 His reply to "How are you?" might be "Midding" (2-7).
2 Corner in fish (5).

3 Get a lute in order for in-struction (8). 4 Heap of carpets (4). 5 Just ambidextrous? (4-6) 6 Trophies for the brave (6). Love to make a fuss over an allowance (9).

8 Railwayman employed to dispense a drug (5).

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